

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 139

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Assistant Vice President Danny Wilson upon his forty-six years of exemplary service to AT&T, Inc. and to congratulate him on the occasion of his well-deserved retirement on June 12, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana wishes to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of Danny Wilson and to note his distinguished career as a lobbyist and as an invaluable asset to the legislative process in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, through his years as a lobbyist, his work ethic has been based on the tenets of honesty, integrity, diligence, and attention to detail; and

WHEREAS, Danny has been at the forefront of the explosion of technology in telecommunications; from the "plain old telephone" (POT) to the expansion of fiber optics, the internet, broadband, WiFi, cellular service, direct television, digital information units transmitted at exponential speed, satellite communications, and the limitless applications of

portable handheld devices; and

WHEREAS, fresh out of Louisiana Tech University with a bachelor's degree in 1973, Danny sought employment with South Central Bell Telephone Company; he was hired as an "unlocated" or journeyman lineman who was dispatched on an as needed basis from the work center to answer trouble calls; and

WHEREAS, Danny soon proved his business acumen and quickly moved up through the ranks to become an office manager and a development supervisor who prepared economic forecasts for Southwest Louisiana markets; and

WHEREAS, after the reorganization of the "Bell System" in 1984, Danny became director of corporate and community affairs where he was responsible for public relations interaction with local officials, legislators, and the news media in the Lake Charles and Lafayette regions; and

WHEREAS, Danny began lobbying in earnest under tutelage of George Sutton, Tommy Williams, Bill Oliver, and other lobbyists; he was promoted to the position of Executive Director of Legislative Affairs and has remained for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his lobbying career, Danny Wilson has garnered the greatest satisfaction from confecting a compromise between opposing forces and by communicating detailed analysis and information to legislators with a positive result; and

WHEREAS, as an avid duck hunter and conservationist, he sees the wild outdoors as a sacred trust, a precious domain to be protected and treasured, then passed along to those generations that follow; and

WHEREAS, Danny married Monica Otto in 1975, and their union has been blessed with a daughter, Christy, and a son, Daniel, three vivacious grandchildren, and a host of family and close friends; and

WHEREAS, Danny Wilson is a compassionate man, open and aboveboard, who has never met a stranger and who is appreciative of everyone who has touched and enriched his life; and

WHEREAS, his firsthand experience and his institutional knowledge of the industry in Louisiana has established Danny Wilson as a vital asset in the development of beneficial governmental regulations for public utilities and telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, should Danny Wilson continue to pursue new venues in telecommunication markets throughout this state, the United States, and the world, it is hoped that he continues his involvement as a lobbyist, particularly, as it relates to the expansion of the industry throughout the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Assistant Vice President Danny Wilson upon his forty-six years of exemplary service to AT&T, Inc. and does hereby recognize this extraordinary individual and pay tribute to his enduring skills as a lobbyist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend best wishes to Danny Wilson on the occasion of his retirement on June 12, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Danny Wilson, Assistant Vice President of Legislative Affairs; Randall Stephenson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AT&T Inc; Sonia Perez, President of the Southeastern States of AT&T Inc; and the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of the state of Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES