

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Mark West on the occasion of his retirement

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Mark West, upon the occasion of his retirement, for thirty-six years of
3 dedicated public service to Ascension Parish and the state of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Mark West began his career in tax collection in 1984 as a sales tax
5 auditor and senior agent for the Louisiana Department of Revenue; and

6 WHEREAS, Mark transitioned to local sales tax collection, becoming sales tax
7 administrator for the Ascension Parish Sales and Use Tax Authority, in 1990; and

8 WHEREAS, Mark faithfully served the people of Ascension Parish in that capacity
9 for twenty-seven years, implementing innovative programs to promote reliability and
10 efficiency in local sales tax collection; and

11 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Ascension Parish sales tax administrator, Mark was
12 a proud and active member of the Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators (LATA),
13 serving as its president in 1999 and 2012; and

14 WHEREAS, Mark retired from his position as sales tax administrator in 2017 and
15 joined LATA as its legislative director; and

16 WHEREAS, on January 1, 2018, Mark became the executive director of LATA, an
17 organization created in 1966 to assist local tax administrators, provide continuing education
18 and disseminate information, increase efficiency in local tax collection, and encourage
19 cooperation between tax administrators; and

20 WHEREAS, Mark's efforts throughout his career have fostered significant
21 developments in local sales tax collection, including the single parish collector system, the

1 Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, the local sales and use tax commission for remote sellers,
2 and the Louisiana uniform local sales tax board.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mark West, on the occasion of his
5 retirement, for his thirty-six years of dedicated public service to Ascension Parish and the
6 state of Louisiana; does hereby express gratitude for his innumerable contributions to local
7 sales tax collection rules and procedures; and does hereby wish him much happiness and
8 success in his future endeavors.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mark
10 West.

DIGEST

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Commends Mark West on his retirement after 36 years of public service.