

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mark's efforts throughout his career have fostered significant developments in local sales tax collection, including the single parish collector system, the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, the local sales and use tax commission for remote sellers, and the Louisiana uniform local sales tax board.

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES