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2016 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Congratulates Richard Bremer, president of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, on his retirement.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Richard "Dick" Bremer, president of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of
3	Commerce, for his dedicated service rendered to the business community and to
4	congratulate him upon the occasion of his well-deserved retirement.
5	WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the
6	accomplishments forged by Chamber of Commerce President Dick Bremer to promote
7	economic development and to support a network of new enterprise ventures throughout
8	Caddo Parish and Northwest Louisiana; and
9	WHEREAS, Dick Bremer possesses a straight-forward approach and ideology
10	coupled with keen business savvy; these exceptional characteristics have propelled him
11	forward as an innovator in local economic expansion; and
12	WHEREAS, Dick Bremer is, first and foremost, a true gentleman, a vibrant
13	individual who through his self-confidence and diligence has experienced success in many
14	venues and who has been recognized by his peers as an astute professional; and
15	WHEREAS, as an honor student, he graduated from Luther College in Decorah,
16	Iowa, with bachelors degrees in both Accounting and Economics, then continued his
17	education to become a certified public accountant through the Advanced Management
18	Program at Harvard University; and

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WHEREAS, prior to his position with the chamber, he held an executive position at
 Central and Southwest Corporation, an electric power conglomerate headquartered in Texas
 and he also served as president and CEO of Southwestern Electric Power Company
 (SWEPCO); and

5 WHEREAS, in 1990, Bremer began his affiliation with the Greater Shreveport 6 Chamber of Commerce, serving three years on the board of directors before becoming 7 chairman of the board for one year in 1994; he became president in 2000, and remained in 8 that executive position until his retirement this year, 2016, with a cumulative service record 9 of twenty-six years with the chamber; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning, Dick Bremer foresaw tremendous growth potential
 within the region's economic infrastructure fueled by meaningful exchange between business
 leaders, local, state, and federal governments, educational institutions, and workforce
 development; and the key element in this formula for success was the energetic stimulus
 supplied by the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, during his sixteen years as president, a major accomplishment for the chamber was its five-star accreditation sanctioned by the United States Chamber of Commerce, which is an acknowledgment of excellence in strategic planning and extraordinary contributions made to create a positive change within the community; and

WHEREAS, Dick is married to his wife of forty-six years, Mary, and together their
union has been blessed with two daughters, Christine Lipscomb and Rose Smith; and

WHEREAS, with retirement the Bremers looks forward to leisure time spent in
pursuit of their shared interests that include hiking, golf, and alpine experiences in the
Colorado Rockies; and

- WHEREAS, Dick Bremer is a consummate professional who leads by example and
 leaves an indelible mark on all facets of the economic network that integrates Caddo Parish,
 Northwest Louisiana, and the Ark-La-Tex region with the markets in a global economy.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
 commend Richard "Dick" Bremer, president of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of
 Commerce, for his years of dedicated service to the business community.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

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- 1 congratulate Dick Bremer upon the occasion of his well-deserved retirement and wish for
- 2 him much success in all future endeavors.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
- 4 Richard "Dick" Bremer.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

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