

2017 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Congratulates Ben Nevers upon his retirement as chief of staff for the Governor's Office of the state of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To congratulate the Honorable Ben Wayne Nevers Sr. upon his retirement as chief of staff  
3 for the office of John Bel Edwards, Governor of the state of Louisiana, to commend  
4 his many years of faithful public service, and to honor his outstanding contributions  
5 made on behalf of the citizens of this state.

6 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana wholeheartedly expresses its  
7 sincere congratulations to Ben Nevers upon his retirement as chief of staff and, as he steps  
8 away from public life, also conveys the appreciation of the citizens of this state for his tenure  
9 as a prolific senator, legislator, and school board member; and

10 WHEREAS, after his tenure in the Louisiana State Senate, Ben Nevers was  
11 approached by Governor-elect John Bel Edwards to assist in the oversight of his new  
12 administration; and

13 WHEREAS, as chief of staff, Ben Nevers brought with him over three decades of  
14 institutional knowledge in state and local government; his expertise provided much needed  
15 direction to the executive office for the implementation of new plans and policies; and

16 WHEREAS, Nevers provided extraordinary insight during this time to address  
17 immense challenges that befell the governor's office that included class discrimination,  
18 budget crises, and historic flooding throughout the state; and

1           WHEREAS, with his lengthy legislative experience and vast breadth of knowledge,  
2 Ben Nevers worked diligently to negotiate across the aisles of the legislature and across  
3 partisan lines to bring about an acceptable compromise between all parties to address a wide  
4 range of key issues; and

5           WHEREAS, in each situation, his approach was to dispatch the matter in the most  
6 direct, yet courteous manner possible; he never sidestepped an issue; he focused on the  
7 problem at hand and considered every possible solution with respect to the consequences  
8 affecting all parties in the process; and

9           WHEREAS, a favorite son of Bogalusa, his hometown in Washington Parish, Ben  
10 Nevers is a successful businessman who has shouldered the mantle of public service proudly  
11 and willingly; and

12           WHEREAS, as a man of unquestionable principle, Ben Nevers is, first and foremost,  
13 a Christian of deep and abiding faith who serves his God daily; he has always measured his  
14 actions based on the belief of "do the right thing"; and

15           WHEREAS, throughout his life, Ben Nevers, a true gentleman, has been the  
16 deserving recipient of copious honors for his professional, civic, legislative, and business  
17 achievements that are far too numerous to count; and

18           WHEREAS, as Ben Nevers prepares for the next chapter of his life in the private  
19 sector, he and Ann, his wife of more than fifty years, shall relish their time together with  
20 their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the company of close friends; and

21           WHEREAS, Ben Nevers is a kind individual filled with an immeasurable empathy  
22 for the plight of his fellow man; he has sacrificed much of his time and talent to the  
23 betterment of this state; and he has dedicated his intelligence and his energy to the service  
24 of his faith, family, state, and country; and

25           WHEREAS, Ben W. Nevers Sr., merits heartfelt appreciation for the tremendous  
26 pride, honor, and joy he brings to his community and the state of Louisiana, which will long  
27 reap the benefits of his distinguished legacy of public service.

28           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
29 does hereby congratulate the Honorable Ben W. Nevers Sr. upon his retirement as chief of  
30 staff for the office of governor of the state of Louisiana and does hereby recognize his many

1 contributions and years of dedication to the state of Louisiana.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does  
3 hereby extend its best wishes to Ben Nevers for continued prosperity and success in all his  
4 future endeavors.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
6 Honorable Ben W. Nevers Sr.

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

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