

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller for his many accomplishments and outstanding service as president and CEO of The National WWII Museum

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller upon his retirement as the president and chief
3 executive officer of The National World War II Museum.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Dr. Gordon "Nick" Mueller upon his
5 retirement as the president and chief executive officer of The National World War II
6 Museum; and

7 WHEREAS, Gordon H. Mueller was born on July 22, 1939, in Philadelphia,
8 Pennsylvania, married the former Mary Elizabeth McLemore, and together they have raised
9 two wonderful sons, David and John; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Mueller began his undergraduate studies in 1957 at Stetson
11 University where he earned his bachelor's degree, went on to earn his MA and PhD at the
12 University of North Carolina, and continued his postgraduate work at Yale, Harvard, and
13 several European universities; and

14 WHEREAS, the pursuit of excellence in his chosen field of history led Dr. Mueller
15 to a thirty-three year career as Professor of European History at the University of New
16 Orleans, during which time he served as dean, vice chancellor, and founding president of the
17 Research and Technology Park; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Mueller is known as the founder of University of New Orleans'
19 Metropolitan College, its regional campuses, Business-Higher Education Council, and the

1 university's International Study Programs, which has sent thousands of students to numerous
2 countries for study abroad since 1973; and

3 WHEREAS, while he is well-known for his academic career, and even becoming a
4 member of the University Continuing Education Hall of Fame, Dr. Mueller is also well-
5 known for his entrepreneurship in helping to establish and oversee the success of The
6 National World War II Museum; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Mueller assisted historian Stephen Ambrose in founding the
8 institution, initially known as The National D-Day Museum, and he led the organization as
9 chairman of the board from 1998 through its fundraising and construction phases
10 culminating in the grand opening on June 6, 2000; and

11 WHEREAS, his appointment as the full-time president and chief executive officer
12 has allowed Dr. Mueller to shape the museum's development, image, and outreach, and he
13 has played a leading role in raising more than two hundred eighty-five million dollars for the
14 expansion of the museum on three blocks of downtown New Orleans and has seen the
15 museum expand and become what is now The National World War II Museum; and

16 WHEREAS, through Dr. Mueller's leadership, the museum has had over five million
17 visitors, over seven hundred fifty thousand student-visitors evidencing its close relationship
18 with education and cultural tourism in Louisiana, and the museum has had a multi-million
19 dollar impact on the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana; and

20 WHEREAS, due to the efforts of Dr. Mueller and the success of the museum, the
21 museum has been designated as "America's National World War II Museum" by the United
22 States Congress in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2004.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
24 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller for his many
25 years of service to The National World War II Museum; does hereby recognize and acclaim
26 the many contributions he has made to the academic world and the study of history; and does
27 hereby express sincere appreciation for his contributions to the state of Louisiana.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
29 to Dr. Gordon H. Mueller.

DIGEST

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