2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVES DANAHAY, ABRAHAM, ARMES, DWIGHT, FRANKLIN, GUINN, HENSGENS, AND HILL AND SENATORS JOHNS, MORRISH, AND JOHN SMITH

COMMENDATIONS: Commends James C. "Jim" Beam for providing journalistic coverage of the Louisiana Legislature for fifty years

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION			
2	To commend James C. "Jim" Beam for fifty years of journalistic coverage of the Legislature			
3	of Louisiana.			
4	WHEREAS, James C. "Jim" Beam was born in Cameron, Louisiana, on October 7,			
5	1933, and is a lifelong resident of Lake Charles, Louisiana; and			
6	WHEREAS, Jim graduated from LaGrange High School in 1951; he earned a			
7	bachelor of arts in social studies from McNeese State University in 1955 and a master of arts			
8	in American history from Louisiana State University in 1962; and			
9	WHEREAS, after graduating from McNeese State University, Jim served his country			
10	in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957 before returning home to teach in the			
11	Calcasieu Parish school system from 1958 to 1961; and			
12	WHEREAS, in 1960, Mr. Beam began his long and distinguished career at the Lake			
13	Charles American Press as a part-time sports reporter, and he became a full-time reporter			
14	in 1961; and			
15	WHEREAS, Mr. Beam became the city editor of the newspaper in 1965, and in 1968,			
16	he covered for the first time the state's legislative session, which he has been covering eve			
17	since; and			
18	WHEREAS, from 1982 through 1992, Mr. Beam served as coexecutive editor of the			
19	newspaper, and from 1992 until 1999, he served as executive editor; and			

1	WHEREAS, although officially retired from his position of editor since 1999,			
2	Mr. Beam continues to cover the Louisiana Legislature and write editorials for the American			
3	Press; and			
4	WHEREAS, Jim has won numerous awards for his writing from the Louisiana Press			
5	Association, the Louisiana-Mississippi Associated Press, the Louisiana Medical Society, and			
6	others throughout the decades; and			
7	WHEREAS, in 2000, Jim Beam was selected by the Advertising and Press Club to			
8	be the first "Lake Area Legend", was awarded the Hector San Miguel Memorial Award for			
9	Outstanding Achievement in Journalism in 2010, and was inducted into the Louisiana			
10	Political Hall of Fame in 2017; and			
11	WHEREAS, in addition to political columns, Jim has also published several			
12	collections of work, including Positively Beaming and A Matter of Trust; and			
13	WHEREAS, James "Jim" Beam brings pride to the Southwest Louisiana region as			
14	the first journalist from Southwest Louisiana to be inducted into the Louisiana Political			
15	Museum and Hall of Fame; and			
16	WHEREAS, Jim Beam is an institution in Louisiana politics known for his steadfast			
17	commitment to the highest journalistic ideals, and he has earned the unceasing admiration			
18	of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, whose knowledge and understanding of Louisiana			
19	politics and culture have been enriched immeasurably by his singular talents and dedication.			
20	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby			
21	commend James C. "Jim" Beam, a native Louisianian and a preeminent and respected			
22	journalist, for providing journalistic coverage of the Louisiana Legislature for fifty years.			
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to			
24	James C. Beam.			

DIGEST

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