

2018 Third Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends LaPolitics Weekly, and editor, Jeremy Alford, on accurately and interestingly chronicling the politics of Louisiana for twenty-five years.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend *LaPolitics Weekly* and editor and publisher, Jeremy Alford, on twenty-five  
3 years of accurately and enjoyably reporting on the political news of Louisiana and  
4 sharing thought-provoking opinions relevant to that news.

5 WHEREAS, the late John Maginnis was the editor of *The Daily Reveille* at Louisiana  
6 State University, where he graduated with a degree in journalism; and

7 WHEREAS, following his honorable discharge from serving in the United States  
8 Navy, Mr. Maginnis returned to Baton Rouge and began his formal writing and reporting  
9 career; and

10 WHEREAS, after several previously successful endeavors, in 1993 John Maginnis  
11 started *The Fax Weekly*, soon after renamed *LaPolitics Weekly*, a publication dedicated to  
12 political news with hard reporting and exceptional sources that excelled at reporting the  
13 political news in Louisiana accurately and, often, in advance of other content providers; and

14 WHEREAS, John Maginnis' knack for having sources throughout state government,  
15 his trusted reporting, and his brilliant writing made *LaPolitics Weekly* the preeminent source  
16 for political news and insightful opinions in Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, Jeremy Alford was brought on to partner with John Maginnis and  
18 brought excellent writing and reporting skills that were both a compliment and an addition

1 to the well-respected publication; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Alford became editor and publisher of *LaPolitics Weekly* in 2014,  
3 upon the untimely death of Mr. Maginnis, and was able to maintain and expand this  
4 publication widely relied upon for information by elected officials, lobbyists, campaign  
5 professionals, journalists, and any others involved in the complicated, but often entertaining,  
6 milieu that is politics in Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, as editor and publisher, Jeremy Alford has moved *LaPolitics* to a  
8 position with more digital and internet presence, producing *Tuesday Tracker*, a weekly  
9 political tip sheet, the *LaPolitics Report* podcast, and has updated LaPolitics.com to serve  
10 as the digital hub for all of his work; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Alford has syndicated news and opinion columns that run in  
12 twenty-five newspapers throughout Louisiana and he produces a political news feed for  
13 television stations in the Baton Rouge, Shreveport, and Lafayette markets; and

14 WHEREAS, among these many projects, Jeremy Alford found time to co-author a  
15 book telling the story of Louisiana's 2015 governor's race, entitled *Long Shot*; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Alford's byline appears regularly in *The New York Times* and he has  
17 served as an on-camera analyst for CNN, FOX News, MSNBC, and C-SPAN; and

18 WHEREAS, congratulations are due to Jeremy Alford, Sarah Gamard, and Mitch  
19 Rabalais on the ongoing success of *LaPolitics Weekly*, a publication that continues to bring  
20 trusted political news and insightful opinions to all interested in Louisiana politics for more  
21 than twenty-five years.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
23 does hereby commend *LaPolitics Weekly* and editor and publisher, Jeremy Alford, on  
24 twenty-five years of accurately and enjoyably reporting the political news of Louisiana and  
25 sharing thought-provoking opinions relevant to that news.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
27 Jeremy Alford, editor and publisher of *LaPolitics Weekly*.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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