

2019 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Bob Griffin of Shreveport, Louisiana, upon receipt of the 2018 Gold Circle Emmy Award for more than fifty years in broadcast journalism.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Bob Griffin of Shreveport, Louisiana, for nearly six decades of excellence in broadcast journalism and to congratulate him upon receipt of the 2018 Gold Circle Emmy Award.

WHEREAS, in July of 2018, Bob Griffin was inducted into the "Gold Circle" by the 42nd Annual Mid-America Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences; the Gold Circle Emmy honors broadcasters who have achieved twenty-five to fifty years in television media, and it represents a phenomenal milestone in his career; and

WHEREAS, a trustworthy radio and television journalist, Bob Griffin is a living legend who plays an integral part in the infrastructure of commercial broadcast markets in the Ark-La-Tex region, and during his lengthy career he has witnessed immense growth in media services and technologies; and

WHEREAS, a genteel southern gentleman, Bob Griffin has utilized his communication skills at KSLA Channel 12, KTBS Channel 3, and KEEL (AM), a talk radio channel; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Bob joined KSLA, the CBS affiliate, as a news commentator, weatherman, and sports editor; he also hosted *Bob and His Buddies*, a programming segment for young viewers; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2008, he became the Saturday and Sunday Morning First news
2 anchor with a move to KTBS-TV, the ABC affiliate in Shreveport, and continued to provide
3 expert commentary for the viewing public; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob also hosts a Christian weekly half-hour program, the Bob Griffin
5 Radio Show, broadcast from KEEL (AM) radio, which features interesting travel reports,
6 local personalities, uplifting human interest stories, and testimonials of faith; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob Griffin has been recognized by his peers for his outstanding
8 journalism as he dispatches the most up-to-moment news and information to his audience
9 in a most congenial manner; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Griffin has garnered many telecommunications and community
11 service accolades that include being named Sportsman of the Year by the Independence
12 Bowl Foundation, Mr. Shreveport by the Optimist Club, Louisiana Sportscaster of the Year
13 by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, and he has been named one of
14 the Top 5 "Living Legends" of Shreveport; he has received the Distinguished Service Award
15 from the Louisiana Sportswriters Association and has been inducted into the Centenary
16 College Sports Hall of Fame; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob was named a Shreveport-Bossier "Goodwill Ambassador" for his
18 upbeat newscasting and for his public relations activities by former mayors, Keith Hightower
19 of Shreveport and George Dement of Bossier City; and

20 WHEREAS, several nonprofit organizations have benefitted from his community
21 service while acting as the local honorary finance chairman of the March of Dimes Walk
22 America, as the honorary chairman of the Diabetes Association Walk for Diabetes, and as
23 a board member of the Ark-La-Tex Sports Museum of Champions; and

24 WHEREAS, Bob was presented with the prestigious "Bridge Award" from
25 Shreveport-Bossier Community Renewal for his extraordinary community involvement, and
26 he was recognized for his promotion of "Safety Town," a children's safety education course;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Bob is a renaissance man of copious abilities and interests, a gifted
29 writer, a member of the Society of American Travel Writers, a producer of travelogue
30 feature segments, and he hosts excursions to exotic foreign locales; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob has authored a book, "People To Meet" which is an extension of
2 his personal mantra, "Living the Good Life"; as a traveler of the world, Bob explores places
3 to visit and people to meet in his home town, throughout the South, in the United States, and
4 around the world; for him these unique experiences are essential elements of a fulfilled
5 journey through life; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Griffin is a well-established fixture in the Shreveport-Bossier
7 community that he holds so dear and serves so well, along with his wife, Denise, their two
8 daughters, and ten grandchildren.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 congratulate Bob Griffin upon receipt of the Gold Circle Emmy Award for 2018 and does
11 hereby commend his fifty-seven years of exceptional broadcast journalism.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
13 Bob Griffin.

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

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