

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the officers and membership of Louisiana REALTORS® Association upon the celebration of its centennial anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the first 100 years of the Louisiana REALTORS® organization and acknowledges April 23, 2019, as REALTOR® Day at the state capitol; and

WHEREAS, in 1919, Louisiana REALTORS® was established as a member-based trade association organized to assist its constituents in the business of buying and selling immovable property; and

WHEREAS, for the past century, Louisiana REALTORS® has been the trusted voice in real estate matters and remains true to its commitment to properly represent its membership on significant real estate related issues, to create professional development opportunities, to advocate for the rights of property owners, and to provide other services that are unique to the profession; and

WHEREAS, in the beginning, the local real estate boards of New Orleans, Alexandria, and Shreveport banded together to create a statewide association that has grown to a membership of approximately 14,500 professionals; and

WHEREAS, in 1920, R.R. Emery, a businessman from Shreveport, became the association's first president; and

WHEREAS, the current and early governing documents of the association state that its purpose is "to promote and maintain the highest standards of conduct in the transaction of real estate business" and "to promote the welfare of property owners, tenants, buyers, and in general, the good of the people of the state of Louisiana"; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, Louisiana REALTORS® gained acceptance as a member of the National Association of REALTORS®; the national group, with a present membership of 1.3 million members, all of whom are committed to the purpose of raising standards of real estate practice and preserving the rights of property ownership in the interest of the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana REALTORS® provide a facility for continuing education, research, and the exchange of information for those engaged in the real estate business and upholds the interest, dignity, and character of the real estate profession in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana REALTORS® has worked as a tireless proponent for the real estate industry and the people of Louisiana by advocating for the passage of legislation that has provided for equal opportunity in housing, constitutionally prohibited taxation on the transfer of property, and countless other measures which serve to protect the public.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana REALTORS® and its membership on its centennial anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate the organization for remaining as the trusted voice for real estate in Louisiana today and well into the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the officers of Louisiana REALTORS®.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE