

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Charles Cravins upon his induction into the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Charles is the son of the late Armas and Edmonia Cravins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cravins is married to Mona Gobert Cravins, the father of four; Monique, Charlotte, Ali, and Alex, and the beaming grandfather of four; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cravins has an extensive resume of public service in Louisiana, having started in the early 1990s, as the Regional Director and Governmental Affairs Coordinator for the Fourth Congressional District followed by an appointment as Chief Administrative Officer of the St. Landry Parish District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cravins attended Southern University Law Center, where he was selected to the prestigious Southern University Law Review, an honor reserved for the school's top students while working full time in the St. Landry Parish District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cravins achieved a grade of "A" in twenty-seven of the thirty-two classes he took in law school, graduated Magna Cum Laude, and was admitted to the practice of law after successfully passing the bar on his first attempt; and

WHEREAS, since 2007 Mr. Cravins has served as Assistant District Attorney and has been lead trial attorney in roughly two hundred matters, including civil and criminal cases before various courts, including federal court and Louisiana district courts, and city courts; and

WHEREAS, he has argued before the Louisiana Court of Appeal for the Third Circuit, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and successfully before the Louisiana Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cravins has served as adjunct professor at Southern University Law

Center, is president of Cravins Trosclair, A Professional Law Corporation which focuses on complex litigation, has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Health Education Authority of Louisiana, and represents District Forty on the Democratic Party State Central Committee; and

WHEREAS, with his running buddy, partner, and colleague, Frank Trosclair, he has served as counsel to numerous St. Landry Parish grand juries over the last eleven years; and

WHEREAS, every Sunday you can hear his voice on the radio as he co-hosts the Cravins Brothers Zydeco and Information Show along with his brother and nephew, through which they provide music, laughs, important social and political information, and news; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cravins serves the public with sincere, courageous conviction and is willing to assist all people regardless of their current status in life and the community; and

WHEREAS, because Mr. Cravins believes everyone has a right to be heard and that justice should serve everyone, he is a strong advocate for fair and equal policies for the good of the people; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cravins' knowledge, experience, trustworthiness, and reputation for fearlessness is considered the reasons why he was appointed to our current governor's transition team; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Democratic Parish Executive Committee annually names persons of high ethical and moral character who have promoted the principles of constitutional equality, personal liberty, economic opportunity, and government and fiscal responsibility whose impact has positively influenced the entire parish and the state; and

WHEREAS, the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, who is then considered to be a member of the St. Landry Democratic Party Hall of Fame, is also a person who recognizes and respects the diversity of all Americans and promotes the common unity of all, leading the political party and displaying strong leadership throughout their career; and

WHEREAS, Charles Cravins has demonstrated a devotion to all of these principles of the St. Landry Democratic Party with a lifetime of efforts championing these principles that are so essential to the ideas of American democracy; and

WHEREAS, during the Lifetime Achievement Banquet, held on March 26, 2019, Charles Cravins was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Charles Cravins upon his induction into the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Charles Cravins.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE