

2019 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 139

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Danny Wilson upon his retirement from AT&T.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Executive Director Danny Wilson upon his forty-five years of exemplary service to AT&T, Inc. and to congratulate him on the occasion of his well-deserved retirement on June 12, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana wishes to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of Danny Wilson and to note his distinguished career as a lobbyist and as an invaluable asset to the legislative process in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, through his years as a lobbyist, his work ethic has been based on the tenets of honesty, integrity, diligence, and attention to detail; and

WHEREAS, Danny has been at the forefront of the explosion of technology in telecommunications; from the "plain old telephone" (POT) to the expansion of fiber optics, the internet, broadband, WiFi, cellular service, direct television, digital information units transmitted at exponential speed, satellite communications, and the limitless applications of portable handheld devices; and

WHEREAS, fresh out of Louisiana Tech University with a bachelor's degree in 1973, Danny sought employment with South Central Bell Telephone Company; he was hired as an "unlocated" or journeyman lineman who was dispatched on an as needed basis from the work center to answer trouble calls; and

1 WHEREAS, Danny soon proved his business acumen and quickly moved up through
2 the ranks to become an office manager and a development supervisor who prepared
3 economic forecasts for Southwest Louisiana markets; and

4 WHEREAS, after the reorganization of the "Bell System" in 1984, Danny became
5 director of corporate and community affairs where he was responsible for public relations
6 interaction with local officials, legislators, and the news media in the Lake Charles and
7 Lafayette regions; and

8 WHEREAS, Danny began lobbying in earnest under tutelage of George Sutton,
9 Tommy Williams, Bill Oliver, and other lobbyists; he was promoted to the position of
10 Executive Director of Legislative Affairs and has remained for sixteen years; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout his lobbying career, Danny Wilson has garnered the greatest
12 satisfaction from confecting a compromise between opposing forces and by communicating
13 detailed analysis and information to legislators with a positive result; and

14 WHEREAS, as an avid duck hunter and conservationist, he sees the wild outdoors
15 as a sacred trust, a precious domain to be protected and treasured, then passed along to those
16 generations that follow; and

17 WHEREAS, Danny married Monica Otto in 1975, and their union has been blessed
18 with a daughter, Christy, and a son, Daniel, three vivacious grandchildren, and a host of
19 family and close friends; and

20 WHEREAS, Danny Wilson is a compassionate man, open and aboveboard, who has
21 never met a stranger and who is appreciative of everyone who has touched and enriched his
22 life; and

23 WHEREAS, his firsthand experience and his institutional knowledge of the industry
24 in Louisiana has established Danny Wilson as a vital asset in the development of beneficial
25 governmental regulations for public utilities and telecommunications; and

26 WHEREAS, should Danny Wilson continue to pursue new venues in
27 telecommunication markets throughout this state, the United States, and the world, it is
28 hoped that he continues his involvement as a lobbyist, particularly, as it relates to the
29 expansion of the industry throughout the state of Louisiana.

30 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

1 commend Executive Director Danny Wilson upon his forty-five years of exemplary service
2 to AT&T, Inc. and does hereby recognize this extraordinary individual and pay tribute to his
3 enduring skills as a lobbyist.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend
5 best wishes to Danny Wilson on the occasion of his retirement on June 12, 2019.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
7 Danny Wilson, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs; Randall Stephenson, Chairman
8 and Chief Executive Officer of AT&T Inc; Sonia Perez, President of the Southeastern States
9 of AT&T Inc; and the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of the state of Louisiana.

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

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