

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Senator R.L. "Bret" Allain II for his years of distinguished public service.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Honorable R.L. "Bret" Allain II for his years of distinguished public  
3 service in the Legislature of Louisiana and to express enduring gratitude for his  
4 exemplary contributions made on behalf of his constituents in the parishes of Iberia,  
5 Lafourche, St. Mary, and Terrebonne and the state of Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, Senator Allain is a native son of the Bayou Region, born and raised  
7 along the Bayou Teche in St. Mary Parish; and

8 WHEREAS, he began working at the young age of thirteen in the sugarcane fields  
9 his family has owned for six generations; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduating from St. Joseph's High School, Senator Allain attended  
11 Louisiana State University where he studied agronomy, business, and history and graduated  
12 from the agricultural engineering program; and

13 WHEREAS, he returned to St. Mary Parish to work with his father and uncle and in  
14 1990 assumed the responsibility of running the family farm; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Allain's keen business acumen led him to expand his land  
16 companies into the oil and gas industry; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Allain currently serves as President of St. Mary Sugar  
18 Cooperative, a sugar mill his grandfather helped create, Adeline Planting Company,

1 Allain-LeBreton Land Company, Allain Land Company, and Charenton Crawfish Farms,  
2 and he serves on the board of directors of Sugar Growers and Refiners, Inc.; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Allain's professional, civic, and personal interests find him  
4 holding affiliations with the St. Mary Industrial Group, Bayou Industrial Group, South  
5 Central Industrial Association, Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce, St. Mary Chamber of  
6 Commerce, Houma/Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce, Bayou Bend Health System Board  
7 of Commissioners, serving as chairman, American Sugar Cane League Board of Directors,  
8 and the Krewe of Sucrose, serving as King Sucrose LXXX in 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Allain is a proud member of the Coastal Conservation  
10 Association of Louisiana (CCA) and was chosen as a Legislative Champion and inducted  
11 into the CCA of Louisiana Hall of Fame in 2023; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Allain is guided by his strong faith and is an active member of  
13 St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Jeanerette; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Allain began his public service in 1999 when he accepted an  
15 appointment by Governor Mike Foster to the Louisiana State Mineral Board followed by  
16 appointments to the Louisiana Agriculture Finance Authority, serving as its vice chairman,  
17 and the I-49 South Feasibility and Funding Task Force; and

18 WHEREAS, the voters of Senate District 21 placed their trust in Senator Allain in  
19 2012 and he was reelected without opposition to two successive terms in 2015 and 2019; and

20 WHEREAS, during his tenure, he served with great diligence on the Senate  
21 Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, serving as chairman, Senate Committee on  
22 Finance, serving as vice chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture,  
23 and Rural Development, serving as vice chairman, Senate Select Committee on Coastal  
24 Restoration and Flood Control, serving as chairman, Senate Committee on Natural  
25 Resources, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, Senate Committee on Senate and  
26 Governmental Affairs, Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and  
27 International Affairs, Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, Joint Legislative  
28 Committee on the Budget, and the State Bond Commission; and

29 WHEREAS, his lifelong experience as a farmer and businessman heavily influenced  
30 his tenure in the legislature and his colleagues relied on him as an authority on all

1 agricultural policy issues affecting the state; and

2 WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman and fisherman, Senator Allain has been a  
3 knowledgeable advocate on policies affecting coastal Louisiana, working tirelessly to secure  
4 funding to protect and restore our coastal wetlands, and authoring notable legislation on  
5 oilfield site restoration and the management of orphaned oil and gas wells; and

6 WHEREAS, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs,  
7 Senator Allain spearheaded monumental tax reforms vital to growing Louisiana's economy,  
8 including eliminating the federal income tax deduction and using the savings to lower  
9 individual and corporate income tax rates, lowering the corporate franchise tax, state and  
10 local tax administration reforms, and improving Louisiana's scorecard from national tax  
11 policy nonprofit groups such as the Council on State Taxation and the Tax Foundation; and

12 WHEREAS, he takes particular pride in his work to simplify Louisiana's tax code for  
13 citizens and businesses in a revenue neutral manner, providing stability to revenue  
14 projections for the state and predictability for companies looking to make investments; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Allain is a master of the capital outlay process, implementing  
16 important reforms and successfully acquiring funding for critical infrastructure projects that  
17 affect his district and the entire state of Louisiana, including lasting improvements to aging  
18 water, sewer, and drainage systems, healthcare facilities, colleges and universities, coastal  
19 erosion and flood control projects, and transportation and highway projects; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Allain intentionally worked to hear all sides of an argument,  
21 to treat all stakeholders with respect, to build relationships with his fellow legislators,  
22 statewide elected officials, and everyone involved in the legislative process, and to work  
23 across party lines to accomplish goals to benefit the people of his district and the state; and

24 WHEREAS, after his faith, nothing is more important to Senator Allain than the  
25 enduring love and support of his precious family, his wife of thirty-nine years, Kimberly  
26 McElveen Allain, their three children, Dr. Quin Allain Bixler (Harrison), Emma Allain, and  
27 Robert Allain, III (Morgan), and five grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, Senator Allain and Kim are affectionately known as "Granddaddy" and  
29 "Sugar" to their precious "Sugar Cubes" – Flora, Marshall, Ann Reuel, Olivia, and Noelle;  
30 and

1           WHEREAS, known by his colleagues and Senate staff for his generous hospitality,  
2 he often opened his home for gatherings, and along with Kim, always made sure that visitors  
3 were welcomed warmly; and

4           WHEREAS, guests eagerly anticipate his annual cochon-de-lait in the spring and  
5 often inquire about his coveted old-fashioned recipe; and

6           WHEREAS, Senator Allain has worn the mantle of public service for three  
7 productive terms as senator and now looks forward to returning home to his "bride" and their  
8 family; and

9           WHEREAS, Senator Allain has earned the respect of his peers and the unceasing  
10 gratitude of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, in particular, the people of Senate District  
11 21 and the Bayou Region, who have been enriched immeasurably by his good works.

12           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
13 does hereby commend the Honorable R.L. "Bret" Allain II, extending honor and recognition  
14 to him for his outstanding tenure, which has been marked by his tireless efforts to improve  
15 the welfare of his constituents and the citizens of the state of Louisiana, and does hereby pay  
16 tribute to him for his stellar achievements as a member of this distinguished body.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does  
18 hereby extend best wishes to our friend and colleague for continued prosperity and success  
19 in all his future endeavors.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
21 Honorable R.L. "Bret" Allain II of Louisiana Senatorial District 21.

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

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