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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 58

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends Gordie White for his commitment to waterfowl conservation through Ducks Unlimited and the preservation of North America's wetlands and wildlife

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Gordie White for his commitment to waterfowl conservation through Ducks
3 Unlimited and the preservation of North America's wetlands and wildlife.

4 WHEREAS, Gordie White has long recognized the critical need for organized
5 conservation efforts in South Louisiana; his relationship with Ducks Unlimited began in
6 1970, when he became one of the organization's earliest sponsors in New Iberia, Louisiana;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. White teamed up with local hunters and founded the Ducks
9 Unlimited New Iberia chapter in 1972; the chapter began with a vision to unite local
10 sportsmen and conservationists, and over the course of more than five decades, its has grown
11 into one of the most impactful chapters in the region; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. White served as the Louisiana state chairman of Ducks Unlimited
13 for two years, during which he worked to advance wetland conservation initiatives
14 throughout Louisiana and strengthen collaborative efforts among the state's chapters; during
15 his tenure as state chairman, he increased the visibility of the Ducks Unlimited mission and
16 secured critical support for habitat restoration projects that benefit waterfowl and the
17 wetland ecosystem; and

18 WHEREAS, the New Iberia chapter has made numerous innovative contributions to
19 the Ducks Unlimited fundraising efforts; the chapter established "The Ducklings", a group
20 of dedicated female volunteers who played a vital role at fundraising events aimed at

1 waterfowl conservation; the original group garnered statewide recognition for its effective
2 fundraising strategy, which motivated other local chapters to adopt the model; and

3 WHEREAS, The Ducklings concept has spread across the United States, and these
4 groups are now a fixture at Duck Unlimited fundraising events nationwide; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. White is an established family law attorney, and he has balanced
6 his professional duties with his passion for conservation; he has made significant
7 contributions to the Ducks Unlimited cause through his ability to inspire others, build
8 coalitions, and move people to action; and

9 WHEREAS, outside of Mr. White's involvement in conservation meetings,
10 fundraisers, and habitat projects, he is passionate about sharing the hunting tradition with his
11 children and grandchildren; he holds a deeply personal connection to conservation and
12 believes that future generations of sportsmen deserve the opportunity to experience the
13 beautiful and abundant Louisiana wetlands and wildlife that have contributed to many of his
14 most beloved memories; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. White has been married to his wife, Penny, for sixty-nine years, and
16 they are the proud parents of Eric T. White, Jennifer Leah White, Alexis White Delcambre,
17 Kathryn White Carraway, and Nicholas E. White; and

18 WHEREAS, Gordie White is most deserving of the highest recognition for his efforts
19 to grow and sustain the New Iberia chapter of Ducks Unlimited over the last half century,
20 and the chapter's longevity is a testament to his values of community, stewardship, and love
21 for the natural world.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Gordie White for his commitment to
24 waterfowl conservation through Ducks Unlimited and the preservation of North America's
25 wetlands and wildlife and does hereby extend sincere wishes that his inspiring efforts serve
26 to motivate younger generations of Louisianians to continue the stewardship of the state's
27 natural environment.

DIGEST

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