

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 185

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Paul Coreil on the occasion of his retirement as chancellor of Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Coreil is a native of Ville Platte, Louisiana, and a distinguished graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana and Louisiana State University (LSU); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coreil served as the first LSU Ag Center extension agent in Cameron Parish, where he worked with local fishermen, farmers, and cattlemen to build programs and initiatives and deftly navigated challenges such as conflicts among the shrimping industry and the recovery from Hurricane Rita; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coreil spent decades working with the LSU Ag Center, where he rose to the position of vice chancellor and director of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service and focused on the mission of serving Louisiana's farmers and growing the state's agriculture sector; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coreil was deeply involved as a leader with Louisiana 4-H, where he created the Marsh Maneuvers Program, and the Louisiana 4-H Foundation Squirrel Hunt, which has enabled hundreds of students to participate in the 4-H program; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding work with the LSU Ag Center, Dr. Coreil has been inducted into the LSU Ag Center Hall of Fame, the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame, and the National 4-H Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving as the chancellor of LSU at Alexandria (LSUA), Dr. Coreil served as the institution's interim chancellor from 2013 to 2014 and in 2019; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Coreil's leadership, LSUA has experienced record growth and enrollment, educated and graduated more students than ever before, built state-of-the-art facilities, and directly impacted the workforce and economy of Central Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Coreil's leadership, the LSUA Generals have enjoyed unprecedented athletic success, grown to include seven intercollegiate programs, and captured conference championships in men's basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, and men's and women's soccer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coreil and his wife, Arlene, are outstanding community leaders in Rapides Parish and across Central Louisiana, and they have worked to ensure that LSUA serves as a beacon for the region's potential; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coreil is concluding nearly four decades of service on July 1, 2026, and he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his outstanding achievements as the leader of LSU at Alexandria.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Paul Coreil on the occasion of his retirement as chancellor of Louisiana State University at Alexandria and does hereby express enduring appreciation for his incredible contributions to the LSU System and the citizens of the state.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES