

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMENT AND RISER AND SENATOR WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend J. Reed Walters on the occasion of his retirement as district attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize J. Reed Walters for his dedicated service to LaSalle Parish and the state of Louisiana and to commend him on his retirement as district attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters is the son of Charles Walters, a forty-year employee of International Paper Company, and Betty Walters, who dedicated more than thirty years of service as a first grade teacher at Olla Elementary School; he was the youngest of four children who were raised in the Standard community near Olla, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters graduated from LaSalle High School, Northeast Louisiana University, and the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center; after earning his law degree, he set up a law practice in his home community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters took his first oath of office as the newly elected district attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District in January of 1991; he went on to serve in this capacity for thirty-six years and holds the distinction of being the second-longest serving district attorney in Louisiana history; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as district attorney, Mr. Walters prioritized the protection and service of the citizens of LaSalle Parish and the fulfillment of his oath to the best of his ability; among his many achievements, he delivered on his promise to be present during trials and to complete most of the trial work during prosecutions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters served on the District Attorneys' Retirement System board of trustees, Red River Law Enforcement Planning Agency board of directors, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, and Louisiana District Attorneys Association board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters centers his life around his faith and devotion to Christ and is a longtime member of Midway Baptist Church; he credits his faith as the driving force behind his success as district attorney and has expressed deep gratitude for the support and prayers of the members of Midway Baptist and the Christian citizens of the LaSalle Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters is most proud of the work he has done to help citizens in need, which he considers the greatest source of satisfaction in his role as district attorney; he is most deserving of recognition for his unwavering respect and guardianship of the citizens of LaSalle Parish and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend J. Reed Walters on the occasion of his retirement as district attorney of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District; does hereby express enduring appreciation for his contributions and service to the citizens of the parish and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that he remain prosperous as he begins a new chapter in life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE