

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 166

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System for providing reliable public water service to the citizens of St. Landry Parish.

WHEREAS, the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System was established in 1969 for the purpose of providing safe, reliable, and centralized public water service to the rural communities of Lewisburg and Bellevue and surrounding areas of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, prior to the establishment of the system, many residents of these rural communities depended upon private wells and limited water sources that often lacked dependable quality, pressure, and adequate fire protection capabilities; and

WHEREAS, local citizens and community leaders organized the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System as a nonprofit rural water corporation dedicated to improving public health, sanitation, infrastructure, and quality of life for residents throughout northern and western Opelousas and surrounding unincorporated communities; and

WHEREAS, through decades of service, the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System has expanded and modernized its infrastructure to meet the growing needs of the community by investing in groundwater wells, pumping stations, elevated storage facilities, chlorination systems, distribution pipelines, and fire protection infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System has continuously operated in accordance with state and federal drinking water regulations under the oversight of the Louisiana Department of Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, while providing annual water quality reporting and maintaining compliance with public health standards; and

WHEREAS, the system has played an essential role in supporting residential development, improving sanitation, enhancing fire protection capabilities, strengthening property values, and promoting economic and community growth throughout rural portions of St. Landry Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Lewisburg and Bellevue communities possess a rich cultural and agricultural heritage deeply rooted in the history of St. Landry Parish, and the creation of the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System represented a major advancement in modern public infrastructure for these historic rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the continued operation and service of the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System remains vital to the health, welfare, safety, and prosperity of the citizens it serves.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System for its longstanding commitment to providing reliable public water service and infrastructure improvements to the citizens of St. Landry Parish since its founding in 1969.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express appreciation for the dedication of the board members, employees, community leaders, and residents whose efforts have contributed to the success and continued operation of the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System in recognition of its important contributions to the people and communities of St. Landry Parish and the state of Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE