

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 188

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Marvin Self on his 99th birthday.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Marvin Self upon the occasion of his ninety-ninth birthday
3 and to recognize his remarkable life of service, achievement, and dedication to his
4 family, community, state, and nation.

5 WHEREAS, Marvin Self was born on May 28, 1927, in Beaumont, Texas, and in
6 1935 moved with his parents and two sisters to Evangeline, Louisiana, where he spent his
7 formative years; and

8 WHEREAS, while attending Iota High School, Marvin lettered in basketball and
9 track, competing in the 100-yard dash and the mile, demonstrating early the determination
10 and discipline that would define his life; and

11 WHEREAS, Marvin graduated from Iota High School in May 1945 and, at age
12 seventeen, forged his mother's signature to enlist in the United States Navy, serving
13 honorably in the Pacific Theater during the final months of World War II; and

14 WHEREAS, after his discharge in 1947, Marvin enrolled at McNeese Junior College,
15 where he met his future wife, Shirley Kerr, beginning a partnership that would last nearly
16 seven decades; and

17 WHEREAS, after graduating from McNeese in 1949, Marvin enrolled at Louisiana
18 State University, living in the dormitories beneath Tiger Stadium and rooming with Frank

1 Salter, who would later serve as district attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial District; and

2 WHEREAS, while at LSU, Marvin was called from the inactive reserve to serve in
3 the Korean Conflict, spending one year and one day aboard the Admiral's flagship in Hawaii
4 before being discharged in 1951; and

5 WHEREAS, upon returning to Lake Charles, Marvin married Shirley Kerr on
6 September 5, 1951, and together they raised four children: Malcolm, Melanie, Douglas, and
7 Richard; and

8 WHEREAS, Marvin was deeply involved in his children's activities, serving in
9 leadership roles in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Little League
10 baseball, and church basketball, and as leader of Explorer Post 54, he brought the group to
11 the National Explorer Olympics in Colorado after winning the state title; and

12 WHEREAS, Marvin began his professional career with Olin Mathieson from 1951
13 to 1954, and in 1954 joined Dresser Magcobar, where he worked until 1986; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1963, Marvin was part of the crew that drilled Alaska's first
15 successful oil well on the North Slope, spending three months on the job and returning to
16 Lake Charles just one day before the Fairbanks earthquake; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1986, Marvin founded All Star Consultants, managing the company
18 until his retirement from the oilfield in 2013 at the age of eighty-six; and

19 WHEREAS, Marvin has served on the boards of several oilfield-related companies,
20 contributing his expertise to the advancement of the industry; and

21 WHEREAS, Marvin is an active member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, where
22 he served on missionary teams to Honduras, helping to build and renovate churches and
23 forming a deep connection to the country and its people; and

24 WHEREAS, Marvin's love for Honduras led him to purchase a home there, where
25 he spent several months each year for decades; and

26 WHEREAS, Marvin is a world traveler who has circumnavigated the globe multiple
27 times, including traveling across Russia to China on the Trans-Siberian Railroad, reflecting
28 his lifelong curiosity and adventurous spirit; and

29 WHEREAS, in retirement, Marvin enjoys day trading, gardening, and caring for his
30 two beloved dogs, Scout and Rafa; and

