

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 194

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates the Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA of Northwest Louisiana, Gary Lash, on his retirement.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Gary Lash upon his retirement as chief executive officer of the YMCA of
3 Northwest Louisiana and to recognize his outstanding contributions to the
4 Shreveport-Bossier community and the state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Gary Lash has devoted more than two decades of faithful leadership and
6 service to the YMCA of Northwest Louisiana, transforming it into the premier community
7 organization in the region; and

8 WHEREAS, Gary Lash accepted the position of chief executive officer of the YMCA
9 of Northwest Louisiana in 2003 at a time when the organization faced severe financial
10 hardship and uncertainty; and

11 WHEREAS, through vision, determination, and faith in God, Gary Lash led the
12 YMCA from severe debt and financial instability to unprecedented growth and success; and

13 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the YMCA of Northwest Louisiana expanded its
14 reach and impact through the development and improvement of numerous facilities; and

15 WHEREAS, these improvements included the revitalization of the historic downtown
16 YMCA, the construction of the BHP Billiton YMCA, the opening of the Lash Family
17 YMCA, and establishment of the Caddo Parish Premier Park baseball complex; and

18 WHEREAS, Gary Lash consistently emphasized that the true mission of the YMCA

