

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 188

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, after graduating from McNeese in 1949, Marvin enrolled at Louisiana State University, living in the dormitories beneath Tiger Stadium and rooming with Frank Salter, who would later serve as district attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial District; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Marvin was deeply involved in his children's activities, serving in

leadership roles in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Little League baseball, and church basketball, and as leader of Explorer Post 54, he brought the group to the National Explorer Olympics in Colorado after winning the state title; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Senate wishes to honor Marvin Self for his extraordinary life, his service to his country, his devotion to his family, his contributions to his community, and the example he sets for all Louisianians; and

WHEREAS, May 28, 2026, marks the ninety-ninth birthday of Marvin Self, a milestone worthy of the highest recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Marvin Self upon the occasion of his ninety-ninth birthday and does hereby extend its heartfelt appreciation for his lifetime of service.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
Marvin Self.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE