

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 201

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COMMENDATIONS. Commends Stine Home & Yard on the occasion of its eightieth anniversary.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Stine Home & Yard on the occasion of its eightieth anniversary and to
3 recognize its extraordinary contributions to the state of Louisiana, the Gulf South
4 region, and the communities and families it has faithfully served for generations.

5 WHEREAS, Stine Home & Yard, originally founded as Stine Lumber Company,
6 traces its beginnings to 1946 when lifelong friends J.W. Stine and J.C. Carlin returned home
7 to southwest Louisiana after serving our country as decorated combat pilots during World
8 War II; and

9 WHEREAS, J.W. Stine served as a B-26 bomber pilot in the Mediterranean theater
10 during World War II, flying approximately forty combat missions over Europe and
11 demonstrating the courage, perseverance, and leadership that would later define his business
12 and personal legacy; and

13 WHEREAS, after returning to Sulphur, Louisiana, J.W. Stine and J.C. Carlin
14 invested wartime earnings into the creation of Starlin Construction Company, helping build
15 homes for Louisiana families during the post-war housing boom and contributing to the
16 growth and development of southwest Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, after several successful years in the construction business, the partners
18 amicably parted ways and J.W. Stine entered the retail lumber industry, establishing what

1 would become one of the most respected and successful family-owned home improvement
2 companies in the Gulf South; and

3 WHEREAS, built upon the principles of faith, family, integrity, customer service,
4 safety, and community, Stine Home & Yard grew from a single lumber yard in Sulphur into
5 a Louisiana-based regional leader in home improvement retail and building materials supply
6 serving homeowners, contractors, and businesses throughout Louisiana and Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, the Stine family embraced innovation and evolving consumer needs by
8 transforming the traditional lumber yard model into a modern home improvement
9 destination featuring expanded retail showrooms, garden centers, and one of the South's first
10 large format drive-thru lumber yards; and

11 WHEREAS, during the 1970s, the company adopted its well known slogan, "The
12 Family You Can Build Around", a phrase that reflected not only the Stine family itself but
13 also the company's commitment to treating employees, customers, and communities as part
14 of the Stine family tradition; and

15 WHEREAS, under the leadership of J.W. Stine, and later his six sons, the company
16 expanded steadily across Louisiana and Mississippi, earning national recognition for
17 excellence in customer service, operational innovation, and ethical business leadership; and

18 WHEREAS, Stine Home & Yard has remained proudly Louisiana-based,
19 family-owned, and operated throughout its eighty-year history, with multiple generations of
20 the Stine family continuing the vision, work ethic, and servant leadership established by its
21 founder; and

22 WHEREAS, the company has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the
23 communities it serves, particularly during times of crisis and disaster recovery, including its
24 extraordinary efforts to assist southwest Louisiana residents following hurricanes Rita and
25 Laura, reopening stores quickly and helping to rebuild families homes and lives; and

26 WHEREAS, throughout decades of growth and success, Stine Home & Yard has
27 remained dedicated to supporting charitable causes, educational initiatives, local
28 organizations, veterans, food pantries, youth programs, and community outreach efforts
29 through programs such as Stine Helping Hands and numerous volunteer and philanthropic
30 initiatives; and

