

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 201

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, after several successful years in the construction business, the partners amicably parted ways and J.W. Stine entered the retail lumber industry, establishing what would become one of the most respected and successful family-owned home improvement companies in the Gulf South; and

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

WHEREAS, the Stine family embraced innovation and evolving consumer needs by transforming the traditional lumber yard model into a modern home improvement

destination featuring expanded retail showrooms, garden centers, and one of the South's first large format drive-thru lumber yards; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the company has consistently recognized that its success is rooted in the dedication and hard work of its employees and associates, whose commitment to customer service, professionalism, and community engagement has helped build Stine Home & Yard into one of Louisiana's most respected businesses; and

WHEREAS, Stine Home & Yard has earned numerous honors and distinctions over the years, including national recognition as a leading home improvement retailer and building materials supplier, while continuing to uphold the values of integrity, accountability, and service upon which the company was founded; and

WHEREAS, eighty years of continuous operation represents a remarkable achievement and stands as a testament to the vision, resilience, leadership, and enduring legacy of J.W. Stine, the Stine family, and the generations of employees who have contributed to the company's success; and

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana is pleased to recognize and honor Stine Home & Yard for eight decades of business excellence, community leadership, economic impact, and dedicated service to the citizens of Louisiana and the Gulf South.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Stine Home & Yard upon the celebration of its eightieth anniversary and does hereby express sincere appreciation for its longstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana and its people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the leadership, employees, and family of Stine Home & Yard.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE