

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL AND SENATOR MILLS

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Ray Pellerin for his outstanding accomplishments and significant contributions

3 to his community and to express appreciation for the pride he brings to his family,

4 friends and colleagues, the Acadiana community, and the state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize and record for posterity the singular

6 contributions and talents of Ray Pellerin; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Pellerin has had a long and remarkable career, during which he has

8 consistently demonstrated his intense determination to fully use every opportunity to

9 improve the welfare of the citizens of the Acadiana region in an honorable and dedicated

10 manner; and

11 WHEREAS, when Mr. Pellerin was just twenty-six years old he spearheaded the

12 effort, including the fire chiefs throughout the parish, that led to the creation of the St.

13 Martin Parish Fire District; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Pellerin is a founding organizer of Tour du Teche, a one-hundred-

15 thirty-five-mile canoe and kayak race down Bayou Teche through St. Landry, St. Martin,

16 Iberia, and St. Mary parishes; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Pellerin studied mechanical engineering at Louisiana State

18 University and obtained his degree from Texas Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Pellerin returned to Beaux Bridge in 1962 to start running his

20 family's funeral home and worked for seventeen years as an embalmer; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Pellerin is the past president of his family's businesses, Pellerin
2 Funeral Homes, Inc., Pellerin Life Insurance Co., and Pellerin Marble and Granite Co. and
3 the founder of Limousines Limited; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Pellerin and his family operate funeral homes throughout the
5 Acadiana region, including in Arnaudville, Breaux Bridge, Cecilia, Henderson, New Iberia,
6 and St. Martinville; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Pellerin created a pioneer computer program for insurance
8 companies and invented a drill that significantly shortened the process of drilling holes in
9 granite; and

10 WHEREAS, on June 29, 1963, Mr. Pellerin married the love of his life, the former
11 Susan Caroline Taylor of New Iberia, with whom he is celebrating his fiftieth wedding
12 anniversary this year; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Pellerin are the proud parents of four children, Gene,
14 Frank, Paula, and Andre, and have eight grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Pellerin and his son Gene risked their lives and gave selflessly of
16 their time to assist the Louisiana Funeral Director Recovery Team in the immediate
17 aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to help with autopsies at the Jefferson Parish Forensic
18 Science Center in Gretna; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Pellerin established the St. Martin Parish Disaster Relief Fund after
20 the area was devastated by tornadoes and has contributed significantly to the effort that has
21 granted scholarship funds to worthy students through a family foundation; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Pellerin is the founder of the Cajun Christmas Bayou Parade in
23 Breaux Bridge as well as Cycle Cajun Country; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Pellerin has been recognized by many organizations for his civic
25 involvement, philanthropy, and outstanding service to the community, including being
26 selected as Fireman of the Year and Crawfish Festival King; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Pellerin received the distinction of being selected as the 2012
28 St. Martin Leader in Philanthropy by the Community Foundation of Acadiana for his
29 commitment to improving the quality of life in St. Martin Parish and for his leadership in the
30 Tour de Teche and Petite Tour du Teche races; and

1 WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that a special measure of commendation be
2 extended to Ray Pellerin as he is recognized with abiding affection and the utmost
3 admiration and respect by the Louisiana Legislature.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 commend Ray Pellerin for his outstanding accomplishments, does hereby express enduring
6 appreciation to him for the tremendous pride, honor, and joy he brings to his family, friends,
7 and colleagues, the Acadiana community, and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend
8 to him every good wish for continued success and happiness in the future.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
10 to Ray Pellerin.

DIGEST

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