

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Apache Corporation for its responsible and sustainable environmental stewardship and dedication to protecting the coastal wetlands of Louisiana through its commitment to coastal restoration and reforestation through the planting of trees in the coastal areas of Louisiana and to enhancing the quality of life in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Apache Corporation is an independent oil and gas exploration and production company with global and domestic operations including operations located in South Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Apache owns over three hundred thirty thousand mineral fee acres (two hundred seventy thousand surface acres) in South Louisiana and participates in and oversees numerous major wetland protection and restoration projects each year out of its Houma office, including the St. Louis Canal Freshwater Introduction Project, North Lake Boudreaux Shoreline Protection and Marsh Creation Project, and restoring the Lake DeCade Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, Apache Corporation has established its Tree Grant Program, which makes trees for planting in the coastal areas available to nonprofit and governmental entities each year; and

WHEREAS, Apache Corporation has donated nearly three million seven hundred thousand trees in seventeen states since the Tree Grant Program began in 2005, with more than one million seven hundred thousand of those being donated in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in addition, during the 2013-2014 planting season, Apache Corporation donated one hundred seventy-five thousand trees to the Black Bear Conservation Coalition; four thousand trees to the Hike for KaTREEna in New Orleans; three thousand trees to the Boys Scouts of America Evangeline Area Council to be planted at the Atchafalaya Welcome Center; one thousand trees to St. Bernard Parish; one thousand native trees to the Terrebonne

Parish Tree Board; one hundred seventy-five trees to the city of Kenner; one hundred fifty trees to Abita Springs Friends of the Park; one hundred trees to Keep Hammond Beautiful; one hundred trees to Lafayette Consolidated Government; and fifty trees to St. Mary Parish Soil and Water Conservation District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize, commend, and congratulate Apache Corporation for its responsible and sustainable environmental stewardship and dedication to protecting the coastal wetlands of Louisiana through its wetland restoration work and its commitment to reforestation through the planting of trees in the coastal areas of Louisiana and to enhancing the quality of life in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Apache Corporation for excellence in corporate citizenship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer of Apache Corporation and to the Vice President of governmental affairs for Apache Corporation.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE