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Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY SENATOR GALLOT AND REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Tom Thompson on his retirement and for 20 years of meritorious and dedicated service as the chairman of Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Tom Thompson on his retirement and for twenty years of meritorious and
3	dedicated service as the chairman of Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1.
4	WHEREAS, the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 was created for the
5	citizens of Lincoln Parish in 1991; and
6	WHEREAS, it was comprised of a group of dedicated citizens who volunteered their
7	time and worked together as a team to assist others in times of trouble; and
8	WHEREAS, they were described as "neighbors helping neighbors" and it was the
9	active volunteers who dedicated many hours annually to training and emergency response,
10	and who are responsible for the successful creation of Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District
11	No. 1; and
12	WHEREAS, Tom Thompson was one of those citizens; and
13	WHEREAS, he lived in Ruston for over twenty-five years and has been married to
14	his wife, Margaret, for fifty-one years; and
15	WHEREAS, they have two sons, Douglas and Daniel; and
16	WHEREAS, as an active member of Temple Baptist Church, Mr. Thompson served
17	as its deacon and as a Sunday school teacher; and
18	WHEREAS, under his leadership Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 grew

1	from a volunteer team of firefighters with minimum resources to a full-time department
2	operating out of a building that is the official emergency operations center for Lincoln
3	Parish; and
4	WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson has raised more than eight million dollars for the fire
5	protection district during his twenty years at its helm; and
6	WHEREAS, he is one of the finest public servants in the history of Louisiana and a
7	gentleman whose dedicated and highly productive service has forever changed Ruston and
8	Lincoln Parish for the better; and
9	WHEREAS, the strength of Louisiana's communities and the overall vitality of
10	American society depend in great measure upon the intelligence and talent of people like
11	Tom Thompson; and
12	WHEREAS, Tom Thompson will always remain an inspiration to his fellow citizens
13	for the vital contributions he has made during his twenty years as the chairman of Lincoln
14	Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, and he merits the highest commendation and most
15	sincere congratulations for his exemplary term of service and for the tremendous pride,
16	honor, and joy that he brings to all who know him.
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18	commend Tom Thompson upon his retirement as chairman of Lincoln Parish Fire Protection
19	District No. 1, hereby recognizes and records for posterity the deep and abiding appreciation
20	of his fellow citizens for his exemplary term of public service and his friendship, and hereby
21	extends to him best wishes for success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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Thompson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tom

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