

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 162

BY SENATORS JOHNS, MORRISH AND JOHN SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVES
DANAHAY, FRANKLIN, GEYMAN, GUINN, HENSGENS AND
KLECKLEY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Oliver G. "Rick" Richard III upon receiving the honor and rank of Distinguished Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of America.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Oliver G. "Rick" Richard III upon receiving the honor and rank of Distinguished Eagle Scout, on nomination by the Calcasieu Area Council and having been conferred by the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America.

WHEREAS, Rick Richard graduated from Louisiana State University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1974 and a Juris Doctor degree in 1977 and Richard went on to earn a Masters of Law degree in Taxation from Georgetown University in 1981; and

WHEREAS, while in Washington, D.C., Richard worked for Senator John Breaux as legislative assistant for energy issues from 1978-1981; and

WHEREAS, Richard was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as a Commissioner from 1982-1985, where he received the FERC Chairman's Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal from the United States Secretary of Energy for his role in unbundling interstate pipeline markets to create economic opportunities in natural gas markets; and

WHEREAS, after time in Washington, D.C., Richard returned to private life and became vice president and general counsel for Tenngasco, a company with oil wells in Tennessee, Kansas, and in the Gulf of Mexico on the Louisiana-Texas border; and

WHEREAS, Richard's career led him on to serve as chief executive officer (CEO)

1 and president of Northern Natural Gas Pipeline and, later as chairman, CEO, and president
2 of New Jersey Resources before becoming chairman, CEO, and president of Columbia
3 Energy Group, a seven billion dollar company and a "Fortune 300 Company" as named by
4 *Fortune Magazine*; and

5 WHEREAS, currently Richard is chairman of CleanFuel USA, and alternative motor
6 fuel company which is the first company in the United States to develop a liquid propane
7 fuel injection engine system; and

8 WHEREAS, using his expertise in the field of petroleum-based energy sources,
9 Richard has served three terms on the National Petroleum Council which is an advisory
10 group to assist the United States Secretary of Energy; and

11 WHEREAS, in conjunction with a very busy professional life, Richard has been
12 active in community and volunteer work such as: work with the United States Chamber of
13 Commerce, a board member of the Paul M. Hebert Law School at LSU, the Nature
14 Conservancy of Louisiana, Coastal Plains Conservatory, and the Calcasieu Area Council of
15 the Boy Scouts of America, among many others; and

16 WHEREAS, currently, Richard is involved in the 2014-2015 McNeese State
17 University Capital Campaign as chairman, making him responsible for raising fifteen million
18 dollars for new schools and new buildings at the University and he is advancement chairman
19 and a member of the executive committee for Calcasieu Area Council of the Boy Scouts of
20 America, which oversees all Eagle Scout Projects and appeals; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2008 Richard helped to oversee the completion of the Camp
22 Edgewood dining hall and contributed one hundred thousand dollars to that worthy
23 Calcasieu area Boy Scout endeavor; and

24 WHEREAS, in recognition of these and other achievements which have sought to
25 enrich the lives of others, to help the United States achieve energy independence, to develop
26 alternative fuels, and to be cognizant of environmental issues, Rick Richard was awarded
27 the honor and rank of Distinguished Eagle Scout.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 commend Oliver G. "Rick" Richard III, upon receiving the honor and rank of Distinguished
30 Eagle Scout, on nomination by the Calcasieu Area Council and by action of the National

1 Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America.
2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
3 Rick Richard.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

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Commends Rick Richard upon being named a Distinguished Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts
of America.