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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 161

BY REPRESENTATIVES BERTHELOT, LAMBERT, PRICE, AND SCHEXNAYDER
AND SENATORS AMEDEE AND BROWN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Kermit "Hart" Bourque for his more than fifty years of distinguished public service to the citizens of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Kermit "Hart" Bourque for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions during his fifty years of service as clerk of court for Ascension Parish; and

WHEREAS, Kermit "Hart" Bourque was born on January 22, 1938, to Germain and Leona Gaudin Bourque; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourque graduated from Gonzales High School in 1956 and went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in industrial arts education from Louisiana State University in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourque excelled in athletics; he was a member of the first Lousteau Ford American Legion baseball team and of the legendary Louisiana State University football team that won the national championship in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourque began his public service when he was elected to serve on the Ascension Parish School Board in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourque was elected clerk of court for Ascension Parish in March of 1964, beginning decades of dedicated and productive service in the office, service that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, during the time that Mr. Bourque has served as clerk of court, Ascension Parish has experienced tremendous growth, and it has therefore been necessary for the office of clerk of court to grow to meet the needs of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourque's leadership and dedication have made it possible for the clerk's office to grow from a small office with five employees into a modern and efficient public agency, with three offices throughout the parish staffed with professionally certified personnel who are prepared to provide citizens with the quality of service they deserve and have come to expect; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourque has long been active in a number of professional and civic organizations, including the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association; the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials, and Treasurers; the National Association of Court Managers; and the Ascension Chamber of Commerce, and he served as a public address announcer for East Ascension and Gonzales football teams for forty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourque married Rita on February 14, 1985; he has seven children; and he has nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of whom know him as Paw Paw Hart.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kermit "Hart" Bourque for his more than fifty years of distinguished public service and does hereby recognize and record his notable achievements and manifold contributions to the citizens of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kermit "Hart" Bourque.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE