

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A RESOLUTION

To commend Margaret "Maggie" Martin for her outstanding service, and numerous contributions to her community and her state, and on her many accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognize Maggie Martin for her many extraordinary accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, Maggie Martin's reporting and society column at The Times in Shreveport have told stories of people of all walks of life, with travels along Louisiana Highway 1, Mardi Gras in the Ark-La-Tex and the investigation of the late Public Safety Commissioner George D'Artois, in which a grand jury witness was killed, all leading to The Times being a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize Public Service Award; and

WHEREAS, her stories took her around the country, into operating rooms, small homes at the end of dirt roads, through gleaming mansions, and into public offices, prisons, and remote churches, and the most glitzy of society events; and

WHEREAS, she has covered fashion, medicine, and education, winning one hundred seven Louisiana Press Women Awards; and

WHEREAS, some of her favorite stories inspired the opening of the old Fairgrounds Field Press Box to women, a cattle drive in Cameron Parish, and an interview with a woman who was in the New London, Texas, school gas explosion that killed hundreds and had never discussed her experience; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Martin's Rolodex, skinny notebooks with her distinct handwriting, tearsheets, photos, and other items provided a glimpse of her career as part of "50 Years of Journalism: Margaret Martin and The Times" at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum; and

WHEREAS, from the clattering of manual typewriters inside the newsroom to computer keyboards and digital cameras with husband Paul Schuetze by her side, Maggie Martin has adapted to the times; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Martin advises all reporters to answer the phone and greet visitors to the building because you never know what kind of story they have; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Martin is a Times newsroom staple and a Shreveport fixture who deserves to be honored and respected for her reporting, community knowledge, and quest to have a positive impact on Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon people like Margaret "Maggie" Martin, who devote and dedicate their lives and time to accurately and honestly reporting the stories the public wants and deserves to know.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend congratulations and commends Margaret "Maggie" Martin on her many years of outstanding service, and her numerous contributions to her community and to her state and recognizes her for her many accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Margaret "Maggie" Martin.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE