

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend John Wallace Curtis upon his induction into the Sabine Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, John Wallace Curtis is the former owner of Big Star Supermarket in Many, where he began working at an early age bagging groceries, stocking shelves, and sweeping the plank floors of the store; his parents taught him well the value of hard work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis was a three-sport athlete at Many High School: he played basketball, football, and ran track; he was the Many Tigers quarterback and team captain in football and was named to the All-District 1A team two years in a row; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis was awarded an athletic scholarship to Louisiana Tech University in Ruston; following his freshman year, he transferred to Northwestern State University; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Tackett of Many united in marriage to John Curtis in 1964, and to this union, three sons were born: John Jr., Jess, and Moses; in 1967, Mr. Curtis became the fourth generation grocer in his family's business, and by 2002, the boys comprised the fifth generation of Curtis grocers; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Curtis's tenure in management and ownership, the grocery chain grew to include four additional stores; in 2011, after more than forty years in the grocery business, Mr. Curtis retired to pursue his passions of travel, time with family, coffee with friends, monthly group lunches, daily walks to maintain good health, and watching his favorite sports teams on television; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis is considered a philanthropist by many in Many and is well-known throughout Sabine Parish for his generous donations to schools, churches, sports teams, and dance studios, and for his kindnesses to individuals; and it is fitting to recognize the honor accorded to him upon his induction into the Sabine Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend John Wallace Curtis upon his selection as the 2016 inductee into the Sabine Hall of Fame; does hereby extend heartiest congratulations for this singular honor; and does hereby express best hopes and wishes for happiness and good health in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to John W. Curtis.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE