

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE LANCE HARRIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Donald Thomas "Boysie" Bollinger, current chairman and chief executive officer of Bollinger Enterprises, LLC, upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Boysie was born in Lockport, Louisiana, in September 1950 to Donald George Bollinger and Etienne Daviet Bollinger; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, the senior Bollinger had opened Bollinger Machine Shop on Bayou Lafourche south of Lockport, a full service marine construction and ship repair company and a business that would evolve to become Bollinger Shipyards, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Boysie earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, after which he returned to Lockport to immerse himself in the family business; and

WHEREAS, for the next several years, the younger Bollinger diligently studied all aspects of the shipyard business in preparation for being named chief executive officer in 1985; and

WHEREAS, having served the business well as CEO, in 1989 Boysie was named chairman of the board of directors of Bollinger Shipyards, Inc., ready to lead the expanding business and to successfully bring it into the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, under his guidance the company has grown to twelve divisions in Louisiana and one in Texas, serving the marine and ship building sectors in both states, and throughout the Gulf of Mexico region; and

WHEREAS, beyond his involvement in Bollinger Shipyards, Boysie has invested considerable time and energy in support of various civic and professional organizations and

served as chairman of the following, still actively participating in most: The National World War II Museum, Nicholls State University Foundation, Shipbuilders Council of America, Business Council of New Orleans, The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana, Young Presidents Organization, and the New Orleans Region of the Boy Scouts of America, among many others; and

WHEREAS, the younger Bollinger previously served on the President's Export Council under President George H. W. Bush and as the Commissioner of the American Battle Monuments Commission under President George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, Bollinger has served as chairman of the Louisiana Worker's Compensation Corporation board and the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, as well as vice chairman of the United States Coast Guard Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Bollinger served as a member of the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Bring New Orleans Back Commission, both organizations that were involved in the rebuilding of New Orleans and Louisiana after the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, and on both the Louisiana Board of Regents and the University of Louisiana System Board; and

WHEREAS, in the political realm, Boysie followed in his father's footsteps to become instrumental in Republican Party growth and strength in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Bollinger's participation in the party at both a national and a state level have involved serving as a delegate to the party conventions every year since 1976; he served as state finance chairman on three separate occasions and as a member of the state central committee; and

WHEREAS, Boysie Bollinger has been awarded numerous honors in recognition of his many accomplishments aimed at bettering life in Louisiana and improving its business climate, and among those awards are: Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America, the C. Alvin Bertel Award given to an individual who promotes the success of the Port of New Orleans, Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Junior Achievement Laureate Lifetime Achievement Award, the Woodrow Wilson Award, the New Orleans Propeller Club's Maritime Man of the Year, and he was chosen as a Louisiana Legend by Louisiana Public Broadcasting; and

WHEREAS, Bollinger is married to Joy LeBlanc and together they raised their three sons and enjoy their five grandchildren.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Donald Thomas "Boysie" Bollinger, current chairman and chief executive officer of Bollinger Enterprises, LLC, upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Boysie Bollinger.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES