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2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Kaliste Saloom Jr. on his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Kaliste Saloom Jr. on his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame was created by an act of the Louisiana Legislature in 1987 as a state museum dedicated to the preservation of the history of Louisiana politics; and

WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet was held on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the Cajundome Convention Center in Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, Kaliste Saloom Jr. was born on May 15, 1918, in Lafayette, the fifth of seven children to Lebanese immigrants, Kaliste and Asthma Boustany Saloom; and

WHEREAS, in 1935, he graduated from Cathedral High School, now Cathedral-Carmel School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Saloom earned his bachelor's degree in arts in 1939 from Southwestern Louisiana Institute and was awarded its highest honor, the Outstanding Graduate Award; and

WHEREAS, he earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1942 from Tulane University in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Mr. Saloom began training in the United States Army

and by August, 1942, he was selected to be a member of the Counter Intelligence Corps; and

WHEREAS, he served in the military from June 1942 to November 1945, and upon returning home, he opened his law office, and by 1948, he was assigned to be city attorney for Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Saloom was elected as judge to the City Court of Lafayette to fill a vacancy, and from 1953 to 1983, he served as the court's only judge; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 1958, he married his wife, Yvonne, a Mississippi native; and

WHEREAS, he retired his judgeship in 1993 after forty years of service to Lafayette, and remains an active participant in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Kaliste Saloom Jr. is a deeply beloved member of the Lafayette community who has earned the respect and admiration of the countless citizens whose lives he has touched; and

WHEREAS, Kaliste Saloom Jr. merits the highest commendation and sincere congratulations for his exemplary service as a judge and for his outstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana and its citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kaliste Saloom Jr. for his exceptional career and service to the state, does hereby express to him enduring appreciation for his distinguished service to the citizens of Lafayette, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his vital contributions and tireless dedication to the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kaliste Saloom Jr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

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