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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends posthumously James Graugnard Sr. on his induction into the 2017 Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction and recognizes his outstanding contributions to the agricultural community in Louisiana.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend posthumously James Graugnard Sr. on his induction into the 2017 Louisiana
3	Agricultural Hall of Distinction and to recognize his outstanding contributions to the
4	agricultural community in Louisiana.
5	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Radio Network, Louisiana State University Agricultural
6	Center, Louisiana Farm Bureau, and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry
7	recognize outstanding service and leadership in agriculture, forestry, and agribusiness
8	through the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction; and
9	WHEREAS, the nominees for the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction undergo
10	a rigorous review process and selection by a panel of esteemed agricultural leaders; and
11	WHEREAS, on March 2, 2017, James Graugnard Sr. was posthumously inducted
12	into the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction; and
13	WHEREAS, he was widely known for the time and resources he dedicated to the
14	betterment of farmers and the citizens of Louisiana; and
15	WHEREAS, he merits the highest commendation for his exemplary public service
16	to our country as a veteran of World War II, serving with both the United State Marines and
17	United States Air Force; and
18	WHEREAS, he was a lifelong farmer and grew a variety of crops on his two

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WHEREAS, through growing a diverse variety of crops, he had the experience to communicate with a variety of farmers, researchers, and lawmakers on issues of farm policy and regulations; and

WHEREAS, he had a profound influence on the agriculture industry in Louisiana through his tenure as president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau for twenty-six years; and

WHEREAS, his legislative expertise and relationships were critical in Louisiana Farm Bureau's success in the state capitol as well as in Congress; and

WHEREAS, he furthered numerous pieces of legislation that helped Louisiana farmers increase their productivity and promote the marketing of their crops; and

WHEREAS, he was an inspiration to his fellow citizens for the vital contributions he made to the agriculture, forestry, and agribusiness communities; and

WHEREAS, the success of the agriculture industry and the strength of our communities depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of people like James Graugnard Sr. who used their considerable talents and Louisiana's rich resources to promote and preserve agriculture for future generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby posthumously commend James Graugnard Sr. on his induction into the 2017 Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction and recognize his outstanding contributions to the agricultural community in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of James Graugnard Sr.

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

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