

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY REPRESENTATIVES STAGNI, ABRAHAM, ABRAMSON, AMEDEE, ANDERS, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BARRAS, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, BROADWATER, CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, GUINN, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MARINO, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PIERRE, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, STEFANSKI, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THOMAS, WHITE, AND ZERINGUE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Thomas P. Willmott for his many accomplishments and upon winning the 2017 Louisiana Right to Life Leadership for Life Award, and to express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions to Jefferson Parish and the state of Louisiana, particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, born on February 22, 1960, to Nancy Burton and Thomas M. Willmott in New Orleans, Louisiana, Thomas P. Willmott graduated Bonnabel High School in 1978; earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Southeastern Louisiana University in 1984; and earned his Juris Doctor from Southern University Law Center in 1987, thus commencing his legal career; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 1987, Mr. Willmott married the former Sherry Kleinpeter, a registered respiratory therapist, and together they have raised their only daughter, Jessica; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Mr. Willmott began another career when he earned his associate degree in nursing from Louisiana State University, and worked as a registered nurse until 2006; and, while still working full-time as a registered nurse, Mr. Willmott entered into yet another career in 2004 when he graduated from the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Training Academy and served as a reserve deputy for the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office until October of 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Mr. Willmott began his service as the state representative for District 92 of the Louisiana House of Representatives, where he served on numerous committees including the House Committee on Health and Welfare; the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs; the House Committee on Ways and Means; the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure; and the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the Louisiana House of Representatives, Representative Willmott worked on and supported many important pieces of legislation, including but not limited to at least eight laws and resolutions promoting the "Safe Haven Law" and legislation creating the "Compassionate Burial Options Act" which provided parents with the clear right to bury a miscarried child; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willmott resigned from the House of Representatives on November 29, 2016, after running a very successful campaign for Kenner City Council where he won the at-large seat he presently holds; and

WHEREAS, for his dedication to families and the protection of human life, Mr. Willmott was honored with the 2017 Louisiana Right to Life Leadership for Life Award by the Louisiana Right to Life Federation; and

WHEREAS, as Councilman Thomas P. Willmott embarks on the next exciting and productive chapter of his life, he merits a sincere measure of commendation for his singular contributions and the exemplary strides he has taken as an exceptional member of the Louisiana House of Representatives and for his many professional and personal accomplishments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Thomas P. Willmott; does hereby extend honor and recognition to him for his outstanding accomplishments, particularly during his tenure as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, which has been marked by his uncompromising endeavor to improve the welfare of his constituents in Jefferson Parish and the citizens of the state of Louisiana; and does hereby pay tribute to the generous and effective way in which he has dedicated his intelligence and energy to the service of his family, friends, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby expresses enduring gratitude to the Honorable Thomas P. Willmott for his service to the citizens of Louisiana, as evidenced by his superlative achievements as a member of this distinguished body, and hereby extends to him the best wishes of all his colleagues for continued prosperity and success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Thomas P. Willmott.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES