

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86

BY SENATORS THOMPSON, PEACOCK AND WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Charles "Buck" Vandersteen on his induction into the 2017 Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction and to recognize him for his outstanding contributions to the agricultural community in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Radio Network, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Louisiana Farm Bureau, and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry recognize outstanding service and leadership in agriculture, forestry, and agribusiness through the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, the nominees for the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction undergo a rigorous review process and selection by a panel of esteemed agricultural leaders; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2017, Charles "Buck" Vandersteen was inducted into the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, he is a lifelong forester, tree farmer, and has served as executive director of the Louisiana Forestry Association for the past thirty-four years; and

WHEREAS, he is a fellow in the Society of American Foresters, past president of the National Council of Forestry Association Executives, past president of the Louisiana Society of Association Executives, and past member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Land Bank; and

WHEREAS, he has received numerous distinguished awards throughout his career including the Distinguished Service to Forestry Award; and

WHEREAS, he is a graduate of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Leadership Development Program; and

WHEREAS, his leadership has contributed to the growth of sustainable forestry and professional logging practices in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he is an inspiration to his fellow citizens for the vital contributions he has 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 Charles "Buck" Vandersteen who use 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 commend Charles "Buck" Vandersteen on his induction into the 2017 Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction and recognizes him for his outstanding contributions to the agricultural community in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Charles "Buck" Vandersteen.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE