

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 251

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Derrell Cohoon on being inducted as a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Inc.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Derrell Cohoon on being inducted as a Lifetime Honorary
3 Member of the Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Inc.

4 WHEREAS, born on the 4th of July, Derrell Cohoon knew at a young age that he was
5 destined to be involved in American government; and

6 WHEREAS, he attended Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas, then East Texas
7 State University, and received his bachelor's degree from LSU; and

8 WHEREAS, Derrell Cohoon began his career with the Louisiana Associated General
9 Contractors, Inc., (AGC) in 1972 when he was hired by the AGC Legislative Council, made
10 up of the four existing AGC chapters in the state; and

11 WHEREAS, his job called for him to monitor and lobby the Louisiana Legislature;
12 he was also tasked with sitting in on the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1974; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1976, the Construction Industry Legislative Council was organized,
14 which included all four AGC chapters, two Associated Builders and Contractors chapters,
15 the Louisiana Asphalt Pavement Association, and the Homebuilders Association – a true
16 construction industry coalition – for the purpose of advocating like legislation, and Derrell
17 Cohoon was selected to coordinate the efforts of the group; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1980, he was named the executive director of AGC of Louisiana, the
19 largest AGC Building Chapter in the state; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1990, Derrell assumed the position of chief executive officer of
2 Louisiana AGC and served in that position until 2007 when he retired from LAGC to
3 become an independent lobbyist with LAGC becoming his first big client; and

4 WHEREAS, Derrell Cohoon has been an integral part and leader of AGC for
5 thirty-five years as well as their chief lobbyist for fifteen years; and

6 WHEREAS, under his legislative leadership, AGC has been able to have landmark
7 construction legislation passed, including Right-to-Work, the Workers' Compensation Law
8 rewrite, unemployment compensation gains, Public Bid Law changes, creation of the
9 Transportation Trust Fund, lien law revisions, Private Works Act changes, tort reform, and
10 levee board consolidation; and

11 WHEREAS, Derrell is passionate about Louisiana's political history, its people, and
12 state policy and brings his integrity and extensive knowledge of the political process,
13 legislative procedure, and state procurement to his work as a lobbyist; and

14 WHEREAS, on April 6, 2018, the Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Inc.,
15 inducted Derrell Cohoon as a Lifetime Honorary Member.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Derrell Cohoon on being inducted as a
18 Lifetime Honorary Member of the Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Inc.; does
19 hereby express sincere appreciation for his singular contributions on behalf of the
20 construction industry to the legislative process; and does hereby extend to him every good
21 wish for continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
23 Derrell Cohoon.

DIGEST

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