

2018 Third Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends LaPolitics Weekly, and editor, Jeremy Alford, on accurately and interestingly chronicling the politics of Louisiana for twenty-five years.

A RESOLUTION

To commend *LaPolitics Weekly* and editor and publisher, Jeremy Alford, on twenty-five years of accurately and enjoyably reporting on the political news of Louisiana and sharing thought-provoking opinions relevant to that news.

WHEREAS, the late John Maginnis was the editor of *The Daily Reveille* at Louisiana State University, where he graduated with a degree in journalism; and

WHEREAS, following his honorable discharge from serving in the United States Navy, Mr. Maginnis returned to Baton Rouge and began his formal writing and reporting career; and

WHEREAS, after several previously successful endeavors, in 1993 John Maginnis started *The Fax Weekly*, soon after renamed *LaPolitics Weekly*, a publication dedicated to political news with hard reporting and exceptional sources that excelled at reporting the political news in Louisiana accurately and, often, in advance of other content providers; and

WHEREAS, John Maginnis' knack for having sources throughout state government, his trusted reporting, and his brilliant writing made *LaPolitics Weekly* the preeminent source for political news and insightful opinions in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Alford was brought on to partner with John Maginnis and brought excellent writing and reporting skills that were both a compliment and an addition

1 to the well-respected publication; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Alford became editor and publisher of *LaPolitics Weekly* in 2014,  
3 upon the untimely death of Mr. Maginnis, and was able to maintain and expand this  
4 publication widely relied upon for information by elected officials, lobbyists, campaign  
5 professionals, journalists, and any others involved in the complicated, but often entertaining,  
6 milieu that is politics in Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, as editor and publisher, Jeremy Alford has moved *LaPolitics* to a  
8 position with more digital and internet presence, producing *Tuesday Tracker*, a weekly  
9 political tip sheet, the *LaPolitics Report* podcast, and has updated LaPolitics.com to serve  
10 as the digital hub for all of his work; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Alford has syndicated news and opinion columns that run in  
12 twenty-five newspapers throughout Louisiana and he produces a political news feed for  
13 television stations in the Baton Rouge, Shreveport, and Lafayette markets; and

14 WHEREAS, among these many projects, Jeremy Alford found time to co-author a  
15 book telling the story of Louisiana's 2015 governor's race, entitled *Long Shot*; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Alford's byline appears regularly in *The New York Times* and he has  
17 served as an on-camera analyst for CNN, FOX News, MSNBC, and C-SPAN; and

18 WHEREAS, congratulations are due to Jeremy Alford, Sarah Gamard, and Mitch  
19 Rabalais on the ongoing success of *LaPolitics Weekly*, a publication that continues to bring  
20 trusted political news and insightful opinions to all interested in Louisiana politics for more  
21 than twenty-five years.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
23 does hereby commend *LaPolitics Weekly* and editor and publisher, Jeremy Alford, on  
24 twenty-five years of accurately and enjoyably reporting the political news of Louisiana and  
25 sharing thought-provoking opinions relevant to that news.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
27 Jeremy Alford, editor and publisher of *LaPolitics Weekly*.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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