

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

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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 to the well-respected publication; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE