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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Margie Yates Jenkins for her outstanding contributions to horticulture and for being the first woman inducted into the Louisiana Agriculture Hall of Distinction.

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend Margie Yates Jenkins for her outstanding contributions to horticulture and for
3	being the first woman inducted into the Louisiana Agriculture Hall of Distinction.
4	WHEREAS, Margie Yates Jenkins was born in 1921 in St. Tammany Parish and
5	began her love of nature growing up on a farm where her parents farmed cotton, sugarcane,
6	and timber, and were successful cattle and sheep ranchers; and
7	WHEREAS, after graduating from Franklinton High School in 1938, Margie began
8	working for what is now the state Farm Service Agency; and
9	WHEREAS, in 1951, she and her late husband, Bryant, moved to Tangipahoa Parish
10	and planted their first cash crop, a small watermelon field; and
11	WHEREAS, they established their landscaping nursery in 1960 after buying fifty
12	acres of what is now Jenkins Farm and Nursery in Amite City; and
13	WHEREAS, Margie and her husband Bryant raised five beautiful children, four of
14	whom work with her at Jenkins Farms and Nursery, a 128-acre nursery east of Amite; and
15	WHEREAS, at the age of fifty-four she taught herself how to propagate plants and
16	has done so for the last forty years; and
17	WHEREAS, Margie has hosted countless educational events through the LSU
18	AgCenter and remains an active member of the Louisiana Forestry Association; and

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1	WHEREAS, in recognition of her work in introducing the hardy Robin Hill variety
2	of azaleas, the LSU AgCenter Hammond Research Station dedicated its property to Jenkins
3	and named its azalea and native-plant research garden in her honor; and
4	WHEREAS, she has received numerous industry honors including the James A. Foret
5	Award, the Louisiana Native Plant Society's Karlene DeFatta Award, and the Slater Wight
6	Memorial Award from the Southern Nursery Association; and
7	WHEREAS, Margie frequently lectures across the country and is noted nationally
8	in the world of horticulture as one of the foremost experts in azalea propagation; and
9	WHEREAS, at the age of ninety-seven, with a career that spans eighty years, Margie
10	is recognized nationwide as one of the most knowledgeable experts on the cultivation of rare
11	and native landscaping plants; and
12	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Agriculture Hall of Distinction honors outstanding
13	contributions to Louisiana agriculture in farming, ranching, forestry, horticulture,
14	aquaculture, education, and agribusiness; and
15	WHEREAS, Margie Yates Jenkins was inducted into the Louisiana Agriculture Hall
16	of Distinction on March 22, 2018, during the annual ceremony presented by the Louisiana
17	Radio Network, LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and the
18	Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.
19	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20	does hereby commend Margie Yates Jenkins for her outstanding contributions to horticulture
21	and for being the first woman inducted into the Louisiana Agriculture Hall of Distinction.
22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
23	to Margie Yates Jenkins.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

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