

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Bob Griffin of Shreveport, Louisiana, for nearly six decades of excellence in broadcast journalism and to congratulate him upon receipt of the 2018 Gold Circle Emmy Award.

WHEREAS, in July of 2018, Bob Griffin was inducted into the "Gold Circle" by the 42nd Annual Mid-America Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences; the Gold Circle Emmy honors broadcasters who have achieved twenty-five to fifty years in television media, and it represents a phenomenal milestone in his career; and

WHEREAS, a trustworthy radio and television journalist, Bob Griffin is a living legend who plays an integral part in the infrastructure of commercial broadcast markets in the Ark-La-Tex region, and during his lengthy career he has witnessed immense growth in media services and technologies; and

WHEREAS, a genteel southern gentleman, Bob Griffin has utilized his communication skills at KSLA Channel 12, KTBS Channel 3, and KEEL (AM), a talk radio channel; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Bob joined KSLA, the CBS affiliate, as a news commentator, weatherman, and sports editor; he also hosted *Bob and His Buddies*, a programming segment for young viewers; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, he became the Saturday and Sunday Morning First news anchor with a move to KTBS-TV, the ABC affiliate in Shreveport, and continued to provide expert commentary for the viewing public; and

WHEREAS, Bob also hosts a Christian weekly half-hour program, the Bob Griffin Radio Show, broadcast from KEEL (AM) radio, which features interesting travel reports, local personalities, uplifting human interest stories, and testimonials of faith; and

WHEREAS, Bob Griffin has been recognized by his peers for his outstanding journalism as he dispatches the most up-to-moment news and information to his audience

in a most congenial manner; and

WHEREAS, Bob Griffin has garnered many telecommunications and community service accolades that include being named Sportsman of the Year by the Independence Bowl Foundation, Mr. Shreveport by the Optimist Club, Louisiana Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, and he has been named one of the Top 5 Living Legends of Shreveport; he has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Louisiana Sportswriters Association and has been inducted into the Centenary College Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Bob was named a Shreveport-Bossier "Goodwill Ambassador" for his upbeat newscasting and for his public relations activities by former mayors, Keith Hightower of Shreveport and George Dement of Bossier City; and

WHEREAS, several nonprofit organizations have benefitted from his community service while acting as the local honorary finance chairman of the March of Dimes Walk America, as the honorary chairman of the Diabetes Association Walk for Diabetes, and as a board member of the Ark-La-Tex Sports Museum of Champions; and

WHEREAS, Bob was presented with the prestigious "Bridge Award" from Shreveport-Bossier Community Renewal for his extraordinary community involvement, and he was recognized for his promotion of *Safety Town*, a children's safety education course; and

WHEREAS, Bob is a renaissance man of copious abilities and interests, a gifted writer, a member of the Society of American Travel Writers, a producer of travelogue feature segments, and he hosts excursions to exotic foreign locales; and

WHEREAS, Bob has authored a book, *People To Meet* which is an extension of his personal mantra, "Living the Good Life"; as a traveler of the world, Bob explores places to visit and people to meet in his home town, throughout the South, in the United States, and around the world; for him these unique experiences are essential elements of a fulfilled journey through life; and

WHEREAS, Bob Griffin is a well-established fixture in the Shreveport-Bossier community that he holds so dear and serves so well, along with his wife, Denise, their two daughters, and ten grandchildren.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate Bob Griffin upon receipt of the Gold Circle Emmy Award for 2018 and does hereby commend his fifty-seven years of exceptional broadcast journalism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bob Griffin.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES