

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, on his continued commitment to emphasizing Christian family values.

A RESOLUTION

To commend Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, on his continued commitment to emphasizing Christian family values throughout the country and increasing the influence of the organization on decisions made by Congress.

WHEREAS, Tony Perkins, a native of Cleveland, Oklahoma, began his political career in the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1996 and has since has been described by many as a legislative pioneer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perkins has established himself as an innovative pro-life and pro-family policy and political leader, stemming in part from his passage of the covenant marriage law in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Tony Perkins' current activity in the legislative arena is not as an elected official, but as the president of the Family Research Council (FRC) with the consistent pro-life and pro-family beliefs and agenda; and

WHEREAS, the FRC was established in 1983, as a Christian public policy ministry in Washington, D.C., with a stated credo of advancing pastoral voices for faith and family, and Tony Perkins is their fourth president, beginning his term with the organization on September 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perkins' views of the family have remained steadfast from his

1 earliest days at the Louisiana Legislature and the principles of the covenant marriage law,
2 believing in the sanctity of marriage and the traditional view of the roles of wife and
3 husband; and

4 WHEREAS, Tony Perkins' position on marriage as a sacred vow before God clashes
5 head-on with the more liberal views that any two people can be married, including those of
6 the same sex; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Perkins continues to preach a consistent message and urged the
8 FRC to involve pastors in what Perkins and the FRC believe to be an assault on the sanctity
9 of marriage between a man and a woman; and

10 WHEREAS, it is Tony Perkins' firm conviction that campaigns to protect the family
11 and the church could not succeed without a renewal of cultural engagement among pastors
12 and the new Church Ministries department of the FRC, guided by Tony Perkins' belief in
13 social engagement, reaches out to pastors to equip and embolden them; and

14 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Mr. Perkins, the FRC's government affairs
15 division is welcomed on Capitol Hill, with support from the Christian right and with
16 trepidation from foes but with both camps acknowledging the excellence and character of
17 the people who carry the message; and

18 WHEREAS, from his earliest days in the political arena in the Louisiana House of
19 Representatives, Tony Perkins has employed his Christian faith as a guide to his policy
20 positions in both the elective arena, as an elected official, and in the broader arena of policy-
21 making; and his faith is uppermost in the policies he champions.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby commend Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, on his
24 continued commitment to emphasizing Christian family values throughout the country and
25 increasing the influence of the organization on decisions made by Congress.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
27 Tony Perkins at the Family Research Center.

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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