

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Bradley Spicer for fifty-five years of exemplary public service and to

3 congratulate him upon his retirement from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture

4 and Forestry.

5 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana commends Mr. Spicer for the exceptional

6 public service he has provided to the state of Louisiana over his decades of dedicated

7 conservation work; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer is a native of Oak Hall Station, Pennsylvania, and a graduate

9 of State College High; and

10 WHEREAS, upon graduation Mr. Spicer served in the United States Air Force as an

11 in-flight refueling specialist for the Strategic Air Command during the Cold War; and

12 WHEREAS, after being honorably discharged from active duty in 1960, Mr. Spicer

13 continued to serve in the Air Force Reserves to ensure he would be available for active duty

14 should a national emergency occur; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer received his bachelor of science in agronomy in 1965 from

16 the University of Southwestern Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, he later received his master in agronomy with a minor in

18 geomorphology in 1969 from Louisiana State University; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer is a licensed professional geoscientist and during his career

20 he has authored and coauthored numerous technical and scientific articles and reports; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer began his career in conservation in 1965 working as a soil
2 scientist for the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service (SCS)
3 in Baton Rouge; and

4 WHEREAS, he spent twenty years with the SCS, during which time he was placed
5 on special assignments assisting state agencies, including the office of the governor, the
6 Department of Natural Resources, coastal management division, and the Department of
7 Agriculture and Forestry, in natural resource conservation; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer changed the way Louisiana treats soil and water
9 conservation by developing comprehensive and coordinated conservation systems; and

10 WHEREAS, he was the driving force in moving soil and water conservation from
11 the Department of Transportation and Development to the Department of Agriculture and
12 Forestry and creating the office of soil and water conservation; and

13 WHEREAS, he has continued to steer conservation efforts in our state and has
14 overseen the development of conservation programs from their infancy through decades of
15 maturation; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer has served as the assistant commissioner for the Louisiana
17 Department of Agriculture and Forestry, office of soil and water conservation, and executive
18 director of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission since January 1986; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer's passion and commitment to conservation have made him
20 an invaluable leader in natural resource conservation efforts, both in Louisiana and
21 nationwide, and he has received recognition for his contributions at the state and national
22 levels; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer served as the president of National Association of State
24 Conservation Agencies and was awarded the National Association of Conservation Districts'
25 Professional Service Award in 2000; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer has overseen numerous committees, task forces, programs,
27 and conservation activities over the years and served as an advisor on former Governor
28 Buddy Roemer's transition team; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer has been instrumental in many of Louisiana's major natural
30 resource conservation milestones over the past five decades, including the passage of the

1 State and Local Coastal Resources Management in 1978 and the creation of the Wetlands
2 Conservation and Restoration Authority in 1989, which was the forerunner to the Coastal
3 Protection and Restoration Authority, and the Ground Water Resources Commission in
4 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, while serving as state ambassador to the United States National Guard,
6 Mr. Spicer, among other activities, traveled to Honduras in 1998 to review the National
7 Guard's recovery efforts following Hurricane Mitch; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer again utilized his knowledge and expertise in the aftermath
9 of Hurricane Katrina, when he worked long hours at FEMA headquarters coordinating debris
10 recovery efforts with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer is driven by his passion for conservation and desire to
12 preserve the beautiful state of Louisiana for his children and grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Spicer's retirement is a tremendous loss for the Department of
14 Agriculture and Forestry and our state, but his legacy will endure for future generations who
15 benefit from his conservation work.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 commend Bradley Spicer for his fifty-five years of dedicated public service and congratulate
18 him upon his retirement.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
20 Bradley Spicer.

DIGEST

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