

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 210

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Glenn Koepp, Secretary of the Senate, for his years of dedicated public service and congratulates him upon his retirement.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Glenn A. Koepp, Secretary of the Senate, for his many years of exemplary
3 public service to this body and the state of Louisiana and to congratulate him upon
4 the occasion of his retirement.

5 WHEREAS, since March, 2004, the duties of Secretary of the Senate Glenn Koepp
6 during any legislative day require taking responsibility for the steady tempo of chamber
7 activities, consultation with senators on the advancement of legislation and amendments,
8 communication with the House Clerk and Governor's Office, and interpretation of Senate
9 Rules, with each of these occurrences demanding his apt attention; and

10 WHEREAS, Glenn and his staff undertake the complex inner workings of the
11 legislative process and the continuity of daily chamber proceedings, then after adjournment
12 and before the next legislative day, the engrossment process may require Legislative Bureau
13 amendments and Senate Journal corrections; and

14 WHEREAS, working at the state capitol has been a way of life for Glenn for well
15 over forty-seven years, from the time he began as a student worker in 1972, until his last
16 organizational session in January 2020, when he yields the desk to a newly-elected secretary
17 of the Senate; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a member of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and

1 Secretaries, an association within the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); and
2 he is an active member of the NCSL Task Force on Reapportionment; and

3 WHEREAS, as a nationally recognized expert on reapportionment and redistricting,
4 Glenn's experience on the subject began in 1981 when he was placed in charge of Senate
5 redistricting; since that time he has created four redistricting plans for the Senate, assisted
6 in the creation of applicable software systems, and has consulted in redistricting plans for
7 other states and local governing authorities; and

8 WHEREAS, his expertise has led to his appointment as Special Master in two court
9 challenges, Hays vs. Louisiana and Grieg, et al. vs. City of St. Martinville, in the United
10 States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, as an undergraduate at LSU, he received a degree in political science
12 and even entertained a career in chemistry; however, while attending the Paul M. Hebert
13 Law Center at LSU, in 1972, he happened upon employment with the Louisiana House of
14 Representatives as an assistant sergeant at arms; he met Dick Barrios and Butch Speer and
15 served as a sergeant at arms for the Constitutional Convention of 1973; and

16 WHEREAS, thus began a lengthy career in state government with the House of
17 Representatives, the Legislative Council, and eventually, the Louisiana State Senate; and

18 WHEREAS, Glenn was assigned as attorney for the House Retirement Committee
19 chaired by Representative Shady Wall, an influential force of nature, who fired Glenn every
20 other day; however, Glenn handled him carefully, learned to draft amendments "on the fly",
21 and completed a research project on retirement systems; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a founding partner of Koepp, Hamilton, Henderson, and Baer
23 law firm with friends, David Hamilton, Wallace Henderson, and Michael Baer, who would
24 become Senate secretary in 1979; and

25 WHEREAS, Glenn Koepp was soon hired as a banking lobbyist and continued to
26 sharpen his legislative drafting skills; he was appointed as director of the Legislative Bureau
27 by Senate President Michael O'Keefe and he became assistant secretary of the Senate in
28 1981; and

29 WHEREAS, his reapportionment and redistricting projects began in earnest and
30 Glenn would become secretary of the Senate in 2004 by a vote of the membership with

1 Senator Don Hines as president of the Senate; and the next fifteen years were quite exciting
2 and flew by in a blur; and

3 WHEREAS, reared on a farm in Washington Parish near Bogalusa, Glenn lead a
4 "Tom Sawyer" existence filled with headstrong boyhood adventures, hunting, fishing, and
5 sports; and

6 WHEREAS, Glenn is a storyteller without equal; a talent he inherited from his
7 grandfather, his father Cyril, and his mother Leota; he can weave a story in such rich detail
8 that it becomes a shared experience; he can hold the attention of his audience, who is
9 engrossed in the suspense, until the end; which is sometimes punctuated with a joke; and

10 WHEREAS, Glenn has an easy-going demeanor that is quite intuitive; he has the
11 uncanny ability to identify an individual's mood by merely observing his actions for a
12 moment; and

13 WHEREAS, that spirit of adventure has taken him around the continent to hunt all
14 manner of wild beasts, to fly fishing in the streams of Alaska and deepwater fishing in the
15 Gulf of Mexico; his inquisitive nature longs to see 'what is around the next bend'; and

16 WHEREAS, Glenn Koepp has seen it all; as his last legislative session draws to a
17 close in June 2019, he reflects fondly on the history that he has witnessed and the friendships
18 he has made; and

19 WHEREAS, Glenn has been married to his wife Anna for forty-six years; their sons
20 have found success in rehabilitation disciplines; Cooper is a massage therapist and Daniel
21 is an outdoor behavioral therapist; and

22 WHEREAS, the narrative of Glenn's life is best told in "first person" by him; for
23 now, he is setting his sights on his next big adventure which will be quite a tale to tell.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
25 does hereby commend Glenn Alan Koepp, Secretary of the Senate, for his many years of
26 exemplary public service and does hereby congratulate him upon his retirement.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
28 hereby extend congratulations to our friend and colleague, Glenn Koepp, and does hereby
29 offer its best wishes on all his future endeavors.

