

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 249

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Gregg Gothreaux, President and CEO of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority for his accomplishments and service with LEDA for over twenty-five years.

WHEREAS, since 1980, Gregg Gothreaux has focused on improving the quality of life for the citizens of Lafayette, Acadiana, and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a Louisiana native and graduate of Welsh High School, Gregg received his Bachelor of Science degree from LSU in 1980 and went on to become a graduate of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma and the Community Development Institute at the University of Central Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, he received a Professional Community Developer Certification from the Community Development Council and is a graduate of Leadership Lafayette V and Leadership Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Gregg began his career as an economic developer with Gulf States Utilities in Lake Charles and developed a niche for business growth and expansion; he was very successful guiding SWLA "Team City" communities, and in 1992, *Site Selection and Industrial Development Magazine* selected GSU's business development group as one of the top ten economic development groups in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in July 1995, Gregg was appointed president and CEO of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA) and in his years there, he has contributed substantially to the economic growth and stability of Lafayette, Acadiana, and Louisiana through the organization's role in retaining and attracting some of the area's most influential businesses; and

WHEREAS, his accomplishments have been highlighted by awards such as the Richard E. Baudoin Jr. Award from the Acadiana Business Hall of Fame, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Leadership Institute of Acadiana, the Lafayette Rotary Public Service Vocational Award, the Economic Development Partner of the Year from the New

Orleans Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Greek Excellence Award for Theta Xi from LSU; he was also named one of the 25 Most Powerful People on the Interstate Corridor by *10/12 Magazine* in their spring 2009 issue; and

WHEREAS, he is a member and former chair of the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, a member and former board member of the Southern Economic Development Council, and a member of the International Economic Development Council, International Council of Shopping Centers, Acadiana Economic Development Council, and Council for A Better Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Gothreaux has served as chairman of the Lafayette Central Park Planning & Design Construction Committee, as a member and former president of Kiwanis of Lafayette, and as a member of the Regions Bank Regional Advisory Board, Lafayette Central Park, Inc. Board, Lafayette Parish Master Gardener Association, One Acadiana CEO Advisory Council, One Acadiana Executive Committee, and LSU AgCenter Lafayette Parish Advisory Leadership Council, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Presidential Transition Advisory Team - Economic Development & Research Team, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Disaster Resistant University Advisory Committee, Lafayette Metropolitan Expressway Commission, LSU Extension Service Southwest Louisiana Advisory Board, and Lafayette General Medical Center Membership Corporation, as a mentor with the 705 Young Leaders Organization, as State Director of the Southern Economic Development Council, vice president of Finance and Friends of Scouting Campaign Chair, Evangeline Area Boy Scouts, Heartwalk Chair, and was a co-founder of Network of Business Leaders (NOBL); and

WHEREAS, he has served as 2002-2003 vice chair and executive committee of the Louisiana Economic Development Council, 2001 president of the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, chairman of the LINC Economic Development Subcommittee, president of the Kiwanis of Lafayette, and a member of the board of Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Lafayette Public Library Foundation, Find Work Advisory Board, Junior Achievement, Festival International, the Acadian Chapter American Heart Association, the International Trade Development Group, and Lafayette Health Ventures Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Governor Foster's Economic Development Transition Team and the Governor Blanco's Economic Development Transition Team; and

WHEREAS, Gregg and his wife, Alisa, enjoy their job as parents to son, Conner Thomas, and daughter, Eliza Grace, and Gregg is proud to be recognized as a certified Louisiana Master Gardener; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon people like Gregg Gothreaux, who devote and dedicate their considerable talents, resources, and time to improve their community and enhance the lives of its citizens for the benefit of current and future generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends Gregg Gothreaux, President and CEO of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority, for his accomplishments and service with LEDA for over twenty-five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Gregg Gothreaux.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE