

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70

BY SENATOR HENRY

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Jean-Paul Coussan for his exemplary service to the state of Louisiana during his many years at the Legislature of Louisiana and to congratulate him on his election to the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

WHEREAS, Jean-Paul Coussan is a civic and business leader in Lafayette, who has focused on family, community, and fostering an environment where local business, industry, and culture can thrive; and

WHEREAS, born in Jefferson Parish, Jean-Paul was raised in Lafayette and he is a partner at Andrus Boudreaux-Complete Title, a real estate law firm and title company; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of St. Thomas More High School in Lafayette, Jean-Paul graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance in 2000, completed the LSU Center for Internal Audit program, and received his Juris Doctor and a Bachelor of Civil Law from Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Jean-Paul was elected to the Louisiana Legislature in 2015, where he served two terms in the House of Representatives, serving as both a member and then chairman of the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee, and serving as a member of the House Committee on Commerce, the House Committee on Judiciary, and the House Select Committee on Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Jean-Paul was elected to the Louisiana State Senate where he served as Vice Chairman of the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Internal Affairs Committee, and as a member of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B and the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations; and

WHEREAS, during his service as a member of the state legislature, Jean-Paul was an active member of the Acadiana Delegation, the Louisiana Republican Legislative Delegation, and he received numerous awards in recognition of his conservatism, family advocacy, and service and support to youth and adult survivors of sexual trauma; and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, Jean-Paul was elected to the Louisiana Public

Service Commission representing District 2; and

WHEREAS, Jean-Paul's conservative family has deep roots in Lafayette; his grandfather, Dr. G. Louis Coussan, now deceased, was a professor and former Dean of the College of Education at UL-Lafayette; his father, Dr. George Coussan, also deceased, was a prominent radiologist and a former quarterback for the University of Southwestern Louisiana, leading the team to the 1970 Grantland Rice Bowl; his grandmother, Mrs. Mary B. Coussan, is a retired school teacher in the Lafayette Parish School System; and his mother, Jo Ellen Becnel Coussan, is an established realtor with Van Eaton and Romero; and

WHEREAS, Jean-Paul is married to Jennifer Joy Coussan and they have three children: George, Claire, and Caroline.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Jean-Paul Coussan for his exemplary service to the state of Louisiana during his many years at the Legislature of Louisiana and congratulate him on his election to the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Jean-Paul Coussan.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE