

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BOUDREAUX, HEBERT, JACOB LANDRY,  
SPELL, AND ST. BLANC

A RESOLUTION

To commend Gordie White for his commitment to waterfowl conservation through Ducks Unlimited and the preservation of North America's wetlands and wildlife.

WHEREAS, Gordie White has long recognized the critical need for organized conservation efforts in South Louisiana; his relationship with Ducks Unlimited began in 1970, when he became one of the organization's earliest sponsors in New Iberia, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White teamed up with local hunters and founded the Ducks Unlimited New Iberia chapter in 1972; the chapter began with a vision to unite local sportsmen and conservationists, and over the course of more than five decades, its has grown into one of the most impactful chapters in the region; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White served as the Louisiana state chairman of Ducks Unlimited for two years, during which he worked to advance wetland conservation initiatives throughout Louisiana and strengthen collaborative efforts among the state's chapters; during his tenure as state chairman, he increased the visibility of the Ducks Unlimited mission and secured critical support for habitat restoration projects that benefit waterfowl and the wetland ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the New Iberia chapter has made numerous innovative contributions to the Ducks Unlimited fundraising efforts; the chapter established "The Ducklings", a group of dedicated female volunteers who played a vital role at fundraising events aimed at waterfowl conservation; the original group garnered statewide recognition for its effective fundraising strategy, which motivated other local chapters to adopt the model; and

WHEREAS, The Ducklings concept has spread across the United States, and these groups are now a fixture at Duck Unlimited fundraising events nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White is an established family law attorney, and he has balanced his professional duties with his passion for conservation; he has made significant contributions to the Ducks Unlimited cause through his ability to inspire others, build coalitions, and move people to action; and

WHEREAS, outside of Mr. White's involvement in conservation meetings, fundraisers, and habitat projects, he is passionate about sharing the hunting tradition with his children and grandchildren; he holds a deeply personal connection to conservation and believes that future generations of sportsmen deserve the opportunity to experience the beautiful and abundant Louisiana wetlands and wildlife that have contributed to many of his most beloved memories; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White has been married to his wife, Penny, for sixty-nine years, and they are the proud parents of Eric T. White, Jennifer Leah White, Alexis White Delcambre, Kathryn White Carraway, and Nicholas E. White; and

WHEREAS, Gordie White is most deserving of the highest recognition for his efforts to grow and sustain the New Iberia chapter of Ducks Unlimited over the last half century, and the chapter's longevity is a testament to his values of community, stewardship, and love for the natural world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Gordie White for his commitment to waterfowl conservation through Ducks Unlimited and the preservation of North America's wetlands and wildlife and does hereby extend sincere wishes that his inspiring efforts serve to motivate younger generations of Louisianians to continue the stewardship of the state's natural environment.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES