

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVES BERTHELOT, LAMBERT, PRICE, AND SCHEXNAYDER
AND SENATORS AMEDEE AND BROWN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Chester J. Diez, Jr., for his dedicated service to the Republican Party and its principles and values and for his contributions towards the betterment of Ascension Parish.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the accomplishments of one of Louisiana's respected and admired sons; and

WHEREAS, born August 30, 1939, Chester J. Diez, Jr., is believed to be the first Republican candidate to run for the state senate from Ascension Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Diez is a devoted father to his nine children, and grandfather to his twenty-one grandchildren, almost all registered as affiliated with the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Diez founded numerous successful businesses including Southwest Computer Bureau, Campaign Opinions and Research, Industrial Support Systems, Inc., C. Diez Rentals, TMC Contractors, and Acadian Waste Services; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Diez has been active in Ascension Parish, supporting several community endeavors including the Ascension Fund, the Ascension Economic Development Corporation, and the Ascension Little Theater; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Diez became a Republican in 1972 when most Louisianians were registered as affiliated with the Democratic Party, and actively and personally sought to increase the membership in the Republican Party, including his efforts in sponsoring and funding the very successful "*Switch in 96*" voter registration drive; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Diez has devoted his adult life to promoting the Republican Party's principles and values of limited government, family values, and a strong national defense; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Diez merits a special measure of commendation for his unwavering dedication to the Republican Party and to his community in Ascension Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Chester J. Diez, Jr., of Ascension Parish; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his dedicated service to the Republican Party and its principles and values; does hereby extend enduring gratitude for his vital contributions towards the betterment of Ascension Parish; and does hereby wish him continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Chester J. Diez, Jr.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE