

2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Donald Thomas "Boysie" Bollinger, current chairman and chief executive officer of Bollinger Enterprises, LLC., upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Boysie was born in Lockport, Louisiana, in September 1950 to Donald George Bollinger and Etienne Daviet Bollinger; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, the senior Bollinger had opened Bollinger Machine Shop on Bayou Lafourche south of Lockport, a full service marine construction and ship repair company and a business that would evolve to become Bollinger Shipyards, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Boysie earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, after which he returned to Lockport to immerse himself in the family business; and

WHEREAS, for the next several years, the younger Bollinger diligently studied all aspects of the shipyard business in preparation for being named chief executive officer in 1985; and

WHEREAS, having served the business well as CEO, in 1989 Boysie was named chairman of the board of directors of Bollinger Shipyards, Inc., ready to lead the expanding

1 business and to successfully bring it into the twenty-first century; and

2 WHEREAS, under his guidance the company has grown to twelve divisions in
3 Louisiana and one in Texas, serving the marine and ship building sectors in both states, and
4 throughout the Gulf of Mexico region; and

5 WHEREAS, beyond his involvement in Bollinger Shipyards, Boysie has invested
6 considerable time and energy in support of various civic and professional organizations and
7 he has served as chairman of the following, still actively participating in most: The National
8 World War II Museum, Nicholls State University Foundation, Shipbuilders Council of
9 America, Business Council of New Orleans, The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana, Young
10 Presidents Organization and the New Orleans Region of the Boy Scouts of America, among
11 many others; and

12 WHEREAS, the younger Bollinger previously served on the President's Export
13 Council under President George H. W. Bush and as the Commissioner of the American
14 Battle Monuments Commission under President George W. Bush; and

15 WHEREAS, Bollinger has served as chairman of the Louisiana Worker's
16 Compensation Corporation board and the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New
17 Orleans, as well as vice chairman of the United States Coast Guard Corporation; and

18 WHEREAS, Bollinger served as a member of the Louisiana Recovery Authority and
19 the Bring New Orleans Back Commission, both organizations that were involved in the
20 rebuilding of New Orleans and Louisiana after the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita
21 in 2005 and on both the Louisiana Board of Regents and the University of Louisiana System
22 Board; and

23 WHEREAS, in the political realm, Boysie followed in his father's footsteps to
24 become instrumental in Republican Party growth and strength in Louisiana; and

25 WHEREAS, Bollinger's participation in the party at both a national and a state level
26 have involved serving as a delegate to the party conventions every year since 1976; he
27 served as state finance chairman on three separate occasions and as a member of the state
28 central committee; and

29 WHEREAS, Boysie Bollinger has been awarded numerous honors in recognition of
30 his many accomplishments aimed at bettering life in Louisiana and improving its business

1 climate, and among those awards are: Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of
2 America, the C. Alvin Bertel Award given to an individual who promotes the success of the
3 Port of New Orleans, Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Junior Achievement Laureate
4 Lifetime Achievement Award, the Woodrow Wilson Award, the New Orleans Propeller
5 Club's Maritime Man of the Year, and he was chosen as a Louisiana Legend by Louisiana
6 Public Broadcasting; and

7 WHEREAS, Bollinger is married to Joy LeBlanc and together they raised their three
8 sons and enjoy their five grandchildren.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 commend Donald Thomas "Boysie" Bollinger, current chairman and chief executive officer
11 of Bollinger Enterprises, LLC., upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and
12 Hall of Fame.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
14 Boysie Bollinger.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST		
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