

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Peter Louis Gitz, III, upon his retirement as mayor of Madisonville.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Peter Louis Gitz, III, upon his retirement as mayor of Madisonville and to recognize him for his unwavering dedication to public service; and

WHEREAS, Peter L. Gitz was born on March 8, 1935, in Madisonville; he graduated from Covington High School in 1954; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 1964, he married Jo Ann Bennett; they are the proud parents of Peter, Jr., Paul, Janet, and Judy, and the loving grandparents of Meagan and Dillon; and

WHEREAS, he is well-known for his entrepreneurship; for thirty-five years, he owned Badeaux's Drive Inn, home of the famous milk shakes and malts; from 1955 until 1982, he worked for T.L. James, Brown & Root, and Raymond International in general management; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1976, Mr. Gitz was elected to serve as mayor pro tempore for the town of Madisonville, and in 1977, he become the mayor of Madisonville; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he was responsible for originating the Wooden Boat Festival in 1988, as well as other festivals; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Gitz was instrumental in the expansion of the town-owned gas system and the building of the Maritime Museum, and he displayed superb leadership during Hurricanes Katrina and Isaac; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Gitz diligently worked with parish and library officials to establish a new home for Madisonville's local library after Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Gitz enjoys spending time on his farm with his grandchildren and farm animals; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Gitz is one of Louisiana's finest public servants and a gentleman whose dedicated and highly productive service has forever changed Madisonville for the better; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Gitz will always remain an inspiration to his fellow citizens for the vital contributions he has made in his long career of very effective public service, and he merits the highest commendation and most sincere congratulations for his exemplary term of service and for the tremendous pride, honor, and joy that he brings to all who know and love him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Peter Louis Gitz, III, upon his retirement as mayor of Madisonville; does hereby recognize and record for posterity the deep and abiding appreciation of his fellow citizens, particularly those of Madisonville, for his exemplary public service and his friendship; and does hereby extend to him best wishes for success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Peter Louis Gitz, III.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES