

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Mr. Merrill James Dasch Sr. of Norco, Louisiana, on the occasion of his one hundred-first birthday, June 2, 2016, and to honor and celebrate his lifetime of outstanding accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana honor an active and productive citizen like Mr. Dasch; and

WHEREAS, he was born on June 2, 1915, in St. Charles Parish in the rural community near Des Allemands, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, having worked all of his life, Merrill J. Dasch is a self-made man, who learned many skills and was employed by Shell Oil for thirty-five years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, he was born before the advent of rural electrical utilities, television, and space travel, and in his mature years has witnessed man's walk on the moon, digital technology, telecommunications, life-saving miracles in medical research, and many other technical wonders that were unheard of early in his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dasch was married to the former Alma Chaisson and together they had lived a wonderful life celebrating seventy-two years of marriage until her passing in January 2012; and

WHEREAS, together they were blessed with a daughter, Lucy Abate Allen, and a son, Merrill J. "Jim" Dasch Jr., and were also blessed with five grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dasch remains active in his community and as a faithful parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, he is forever a servant of his God; and

WHEREAS, Merrill Dasch feels a closeness to the earth under his feet and spends many hours in his gardens and grows vegetables all year long; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill J. Dasch Sr. merits a special measure of commendation and

recognition for the tremendous pride, kindness, and sense of purpose that he brings to his family, friends, church, community, and state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mr. Merrill James Dasch Sr. of Norco, Louisiana, on the occasion of his one hundred-first birthday, June 2, 2016, and does hereby recognize the extraordinary life he has lived thus far and the contributions he has made to his family and community, and wish for him a full measure of happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Merrill James Dasch Sr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE