

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY SENATORS PEACOCK, MILKOVICH AND TARVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Richard "Dick" Bremer, president of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, for his dedicated service rendered to the business community and to congratulate him upon the occasion of his well-deserved retirement.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the accomplishments forged by Chamber of Commerce President Dick Bremer to promote economic development and to support a network of new enterprise ventures throughout Caddo Parish and Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Dick Bremer possesses a straight-forward approach and ideology coupled with keen business savvy; these exceptional characteristics have propelled him forward as an innovator in local economic expansion; and

WHEREAS, Dick Bremer is, first and foremost, a true gentleman, a vibrant individual who through his self-confidence and diligence has experienced success in many venues and who has been recognized by his peers as an astute professional; and

WHEREAS, as an honor student, he graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, with bachelors degrees in both Accounting and Economics, then continued his education to become a certified public accountant through the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, prior to his position with the chamber, he held an executive position at Central and Southwest Corporation, an electric power conglomerate headquartered in Texas and he also served as president and CEO of Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO); and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Bremer began his affiliation with the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, serving three years on the board of directors before becoming chairman of the board for one year in 1994; he became president in 2000, and remained in that executive position until his retirement this year, 2016, with a cumulative service record of twenty-six years with the chamber; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning, Dick Bremer foresaw tremendous growth potential within the region's economic infrastructure fueled by meaningful exchange between business leaders, local, state, and federal governments, educational institutions, and workforce development; and the key element in this formula for success was the energetic stimulus supplied by the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, during his sixteen years as president, a major accomplishment for the chamber was its five-star accreditation sanctioned by the United States Chamber of Commerce, which is an acknowledgment of excellence in strategic planning and extraordinary contributions made to create a positive change within the community; and

WHEREAS, Dick is married to his wife of forty-six years, Mary, and together their union has been blessed with two daughters, Christine Lipscomb and Rose Smith; and

WHEREAS, with retirement the Bremers looks forward to leisure time spent in pursuit of their shared interests that include hiking, golf, and alpine experiences in the Colorado Rockies; and

WHEREAS, Dick Bremer is a consummate professional who leads by example and leaves an indelible mark on all facets of the economic network that integrates Caddo Parish, Northwest Louisiana, and the Ark-La-Tex region with the markets in a global economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Richard "Dick" Bremer, president of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, for his years of dedicated service to the business community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate Dick Bremer upon the occasion of his well-deserved retirement and wish for him much success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Richard "Dick" Bremer.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES