

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Johnny Cox for his accomplishments and his contributions to Red River Parish.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Dr. Johnny Cox for his hard work and his dedication to the citizens of Red River Parish; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Johnny Cox was elected as mayor of Coushatta, and he is celebrating his twenty-sixth pastoral anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox graduated from Coushatta High School, received his bachelor's degree from Northwestern State University, his master's of Biblical studies degree from the Institute for Teaching God's Word, and his doctor of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees from the Minnesota Graduate School of Theology; and

WHEREAS, while a student at Northwestern State University, Mayor Cox was elected Student Government Association president, and he has also served as chairman of the Louisiana Coalition of Colleges and Universities and as president of the Parent Teacher Organization of Springville Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox is a co-owner of *The Messenger* newspaper, which is distributed throughout Red River, DeSoto, and Natchitoches parishes; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox is also a former city councilman for the town of Coushatta, a former member of the Northwestern State University Alumni Board of Directors and of the Louisiana Board of Trustees for Colleges and Universities, a former substitute teacher and former deputy sheriff in Red River Parish, and the former chief executive officer of Winnfield Funeral Home, and he currently serves as the executive director for the Will of God Ministries Outreach Program; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox served his country as an officer in the United States Army and a sergeant in the Louisiana National Guard, and he attended the Airborne School of the U.S. Army Infantry; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox is the recipient of many honors, including the U.S. Army Achievement Medal, Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) Academic Excellence Award, and the Outstanding Community Leader Award for Red River and Natchitoches parishes; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox is married to Valerie L. Cox, and they are celebrating their twenty-sixth anniversary as pastor and co-pastor of Will of God Ministries Church, a non-denominational church located in Coushatta; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Johnny Cox is one of Louisiana's finest sons, and he merits the highest measure of commendation for his many years of service to the town of Coushatta, Red River Parish, Will of God Ministries Church, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Johnny Cox, mayor of Coushatta, on his many accomplishments and for his service to Red River Parish; does hereby record for posterity the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to his friends, family, church, and community; does hereby congratulate Johnny and Valerie Cox upon the celebration of their twenty-sixth pastoral anniversary; and does hereby extend to Mayor Cox best wishes for continued success, prosperity, and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Johnny Cox, mayor of Coushatta, Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES