

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend posthumously James Graugnard Sr. on his induction into the 2017 Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction and to recognize his outstanding contributions to the agricultural community in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Radio Network, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Louisiana Farm Bureau, and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry recognize outstanding service and leadership in agriculture, forestry, and agribusiness through the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, the nominees for the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction undergo a rigorous review process and selection by a panel of esteemed agricultural leaders; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2017, James Graugnard Sr. was posthumously inducted into the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, he was widely known for the time and resources he dedicated to the betterment of farmers and the citizens of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he merits the highest commendation for his exemplary public service to our country as a veteran of World War II, serving with both the United State Marines and United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, he was a lifelong farmer and grew a variety of crops on his two thousand three hundred acre farm; and

WHEREAS, through growing a diverse variety of crops, he had the experience to communicate with a variety of farmers, researchers, and lawmakers on issues of farm policy and regulations; and

WHEREAS, he had a profound influence on the agriculture industry in Louisiana through his tenure as president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau for twenty-six years; and

WHEREAS, his legislative expertise and relationships were critical in Louisiana Farm Bureau's success in the state capitol as well as in Congress; and

WHEREAS, he furthered numerous pieces of legislation that helped Louisiana farmers increase their productivity and promote the marketing of their crops; and

WHEREAS, he was an inspiration to his fellow citizens for the vital contributions he made to the agriculture, forestry, and agribusiness communities; and

WHEREAS, the success of the agriculture industry and the strength of our communities depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of people like James Graugnard Sr. who used their considerable talents and Louisiana's rich resources to promote and preserve agriculture for future generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby posthumously commend James Graugnard Sr. on his induction into the 2017 Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction and recognize his outstanding contributions to the agricultural community in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of James Graugnard Sr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE