

2019 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Ricky Kilpatrick upon his years of service to the LSU AgCenter as a forestry agent and on the occasion of his retirement.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Ricky Kilpatrick for thirty-three years of exemplary public service and to
3 congratulate him upon his retirement from the LSU AgCenter on October 31, 2018.

4 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana commends Ricky Kilpatrick for the
5 exceptional public service he has provided to the state of Louisiana in the discipline of
6 forestry management and environmental conservation; and

7 WHEREAS, Ricky Kilpatrick is a timber specialist of the highest order and a true
8 steward of the forested lands placed under his care as area agent for the LSU AgCenter
9 Forestry Division in its Northwestern Region which includes the parishes of Bienville,
10 Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, and Webster; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Kilpatrick is a vital member of the Southern Regional Extension
12 Forestry Office whose purpose is to implement both educational and technical services to
13 increase the efficiency of forestry programs and land use in the southern United States; and

14 WHEREAS, as a Southern Regional Extension Forester, Ricky Kilpatrick acts as a
15 liaison to coordinate efforts between the entities of the LSU AgCenter, the Louisiana State
16 Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and the United States Department of Agriculture,
17 and to improve cooperation between departmental extension programs and private enterprise
18 ventures; and

1 WHEREAS, through years of study and exceptional forestry management practices,
2 Ricky Kilpatrick possesses an innate ability to evaluate the biodiversity of a stand of trees,
3 to identify its economic assets and liabilities, to approximate its market value, to appreciate
4 its aesthetic beauty, and to surmise its environmental health and sustainability; and

5 WHEREAS, reared in Ouachita Parish, Ricky graduated from West Monroe High
6 School and matriculated to Louisiana State University to earn a bachelor's degree in Forestry
7 and later master's degree from the University of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, in his youth, Ricky was involved in 4-H shows, animal husbandry,
9 forestry environments, and wildlife studies, and he continues today as a 4-H educator; and

10 WHEREAS, both Ricky and his wife, Cindy, teach conservation, agricultural
11 awareness, and 4-H education through youth-targeted field days and career fairs; and

12 WHEREAS, the Kilpatricks have made it their mission to educate adults and youth
13 about the environment and how Urban reforestation can improve air and water quality within
14 the community; and

15 WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors that include the 2015 National
16 Extension Forester of the Year awarded by the National Forest Landowners Association; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Kilpatrick was also honored with receipt of the 2007 Project
18 Learning Tree Gold Star Award for his promotion of educational activities in natural
19 resources conservation and environmental literacy with hands-on student participation on
20 local forested lands; and

21 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Ricky Kilpatrick has upheld the best principles
22 of renewable resources management that involve economic development, bioenergy
23 opportunities, wildlife protection, water management, forestry certification, property rights,
24 and conservation; and

25 WHEREAS, his collaboration with private and public entities has contributed to
26 effective timber harvesting and the production of a myriad of wood-related end products;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, over the past three decades Ricky Kilpatrick has witnessed
29 extraordinary new technologies and remedies that have increased the efficiency of timber
30 production in north Louisiana; however, little can compare to the nearness to God he

1 experiences while in the woods; a calm spirituality that brings him ever closer to his Lord
2 and to all of his creations.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 commend Ricky Kilpatrick for thirty-three years of exemplary public service and does
5 hereby congratulate him upon his retirement from the LSU AgCenter.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express
7 best wishes to Ricky Kilpatrick on all his future endeavors.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
9 Ricky Kilpatrick.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

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