

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY SENATOR WHITE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Bernhard LLC for 100 years of operation.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Bernhard LLC for one hundred years of operation.

3 WHEREAS, Bernhard LLC (Bernhard) is one of the largest privately-owned  
4 engineering, mechanical, and electrical contractors in America spanning four generations  
5 with over one hundred years of experience servicing commercial, institutional, and specialty  
6 markets; and

7 WHEREAS, Bernhard has more than 1,600 employees, twenty-seven locations, and  
8 more than 300,000 square feet of fabrication capacity; and

9 WHEREAS, Bernhard combines a best-in-class engineering firm with established  
10 mechanical and electrical contracting firms to create a full-service thermal energy solutions  
11 provider while larger investments in energy efficiency for commercial and industrial  
12 building and campuses continue to drive strong growth of the business; and

13 WHEREAS, William Bernhard, born to German immigrant parents in New Orleans,  
14 started Bernhard Plumbing and Sheet Metal Works in Baton Rouge in 1919 and began a  
15 legacy that would prosper into the new century; and

16 WHEREAS, the second generation included William's sons and brother, with Jimmy  
17 Bernhard eventually taking the lead role, as in the 1960s, the company expanded to Lafayette  
18 to build the Lafayette General, the name being changed to Bernhard Mechanical to include

1 air conditioning services as Bernhard helped build the Governor's Mansion, the State  
2 Capitol, and other fixtures across the state; and

3 WHEREAS, four generations and one hundred years later, Bernhard has transitioned  
4 from a small HVAC and plumbing contractor to a partner in a company leading  
5 energy-as-a-service solutions provider offering turnkey development, financing, design,  
6 construction, operations and maintenance resources, and expertise for healthcare,  
7 governmental, educational, institutional, commercial, and industrial customers throughout  
8 North America; and

9 WHEREAS, driven by people and generations of passion to deliver innovative  
10 engineering, construction, and energy solutions that empower its clients and promote a  
11 sustainable future, 2014 marked a year of acquisition and a glimpse of what the future holds  
12 for generations to come as in that year, Bernhard LLC was founded as the parent company  
13 to a collection of Gulf South-based companies including Bernhard Energy, Bernhard E.P.  
14 Breaux, and Bernhard TME; and

15 WHEREAS, in that same year, Bernhard LLC brought TME, LLC into the holding  
16 company and TME provides innovative engineering design and energy conservation services  
17 through its locations nationwide; E.P. Breaux Electrical, a respected electrical contractor  
18 specializing in commercial, utility, industrial, and communications projects across the Gulf  
19 Region also became a Bernhard LLC company; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2016, Bernhard MCC was formed through combining Bernhard  
21 Mechanical and The MCC Group, and today, Bernhard collectively includes Bernhard  
22 Energy, Bernhard MCC, Bernhard E.P. Breaux, and Bernhard TME; and

23 WHEREAS, its major projects in Louisiana include LSU Medical Center & VA and  
24 Astor Crown Plaza in New Orleans, L'Auberge Du Lac in Lake Charles, Harrah's New  
25 Orleans, and Our Lady of Lourdes in Lafayette with Louis Armstrong International Airport  
26 in New Orleans in 2019; and

27 WHEREAS, the major projects of Bernhard outside of Louisiana are NASCAR Plaza  
28 and Hearst Office Tower in Charlotte, North Carolina, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
29 in Memphis, Tennessee, Rockefeller Cancer Institute in Little Rock, Arkansas, Beau Rivage  
30 Resort & Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi, Arizona State University Dining Facility in

1 Glendale, Arizona, and Duke University School of Nursing in Durham, North Carolina.

2           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
3 does hereby commend and congratulate Bernhard LLC for one hundred years of operation  
4 and its contributions to the state of Louisiana and does hereby express best wishes for  
5 continued prosperity in the years to come.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
7 Bernhard LLC.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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