

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Representative Terry C. Landry Sr. on receiving the Living Legend Award from the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce at its 19th Annual Trailblazer & Scholarship Gala.

WHEREAS, the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce (GSLBCC) is an organization structured to economically empower and sustain African-American communities through entrepreneurship and capitalistic activity within the community; and

WHEREAS, it envisions a community of friendly, interdependent relationships with diverse cultural, economic, and educational opportunities to create an unparalleled quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the GSLBCC serves the parishes of Acadia, Allen, Assumption, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, St. James, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Terrebonne, and Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, it is a nonprofit organization based in Lafayette, Louisiana, organized to advance and protect the general welfare and prosperity of African-American owned businesses throughout southwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Representative Terry C. Landry Sr. was presented the Living Legend Award at the GSLBCC 19th Annual Trailblazer & Scholarship Gala on May 3, 2019, at the Cajundome Convention Center in Lafayette, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Representative Landry is a native of New Iberia, Louisiana, and has dedicated his life to serving and protecting his community, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, he proudly joined and served his country in the United States Army and is a Vietnam Veteran; and

WHEREAS, Representative Landry was accepted into the Louisiana State Police

Academy in 1977 and served in various positions, including commander of the Crime Laboratory, Investigative Support Section, Gaming Enforcement Division, and Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and also served as Chief of Staff, Deputy Superintendent of Support, and Deputy Superintendent of Patrol; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2000, history was made with the appointment of Colonel Landry as the first African-American superintendent of the Louisiana State Police; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Representative Landry completed several law enforcement schools including the Louisiana State Police Training Academy and the 176th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy; and

WHEREAS, he served in a supervisory role over several major events which received national attention, including the serial killer investigation in the Baton Rouge area which resulted in the arrest and conviction of Derrick Todd Lee, the recovery of the Space Shuttle Discovery crash, the first Super Bowl held after the September 11th attack, and statewide events such as the Sugar Bowl and the Bayou Classic; and

WHEREAS, Representative Landry has always been active in communities, volunteering in many capacities to support the missions of various community service groups and organizations; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2011, Representative Landry was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives as the first legislator to the newly created House District 96 serving the parishes of Iberia, St. Martin, and Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, he is a strong advocate for public education, affordable healthcare, Medicaid expansion, responsible gun control, fair sentencing, and prison reform; and

WHEREAS, due to his strong advocacy for criminal justice reform, he was appointed to serve on the Justice Reinvestment Task Force during the 2017 legislative year; and

WHEREAS, the task force researched and compiled evidence-based information on programs to reduce the state's highest-in-the-nation incarceration rate and reinvest that savings into rehabilitation programs, resulting in the passage of historic legislation to reform Louisiana's criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, Representative Landry is also a member of the Atchafalaya Basin Program Oversight Committee, the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, the Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Governor's Justice Reinvestment Implementation Oversight Council; and

WHEREAS, he is also a member of the Acadiana Delegation, the Democratic Caucus, the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, and the Louisiana Rural Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Representative Terry C. Landry Sr. merits the highest commendation and sincere congratulations on being selected to receive the Living Legend Award from the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce, and for his outstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana and its citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Representative Terry C. Landry Sr. on receiving the Living Legend Award from the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his vital contributions and tireless dedication to the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Representative Terry C. Landry Sr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE