

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 174

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Neil Riser, Louisiana State Senator, for his years of exemplary public service in the Louisiana Legislature and to express appreciation for his many contributions made on behalf of the constituents of his district and the state of Louisiana, and to offer the best wishes of his fellow senators as he departs from the Senate and pursues his next adventure.

WHEREAS, Senator Riser is well-known in the legislature and throughout Louisiana for his faithful and diligent efforts to protect our constitutional rights and freedoms, including our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms and our First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and freedom of religious liberty; and

WHEREAS, Senator Riser is a graduate of Caldwell Parish High School in 1980 and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Northeast Louisiana University in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Neil learned the value of hard work as a child while he was employed in the timber and logging industry, beginning at the age of fourteen; and

WHEREAS, Senator Riser was elected as the senator for Senate District 32 the first time in 2008, was reelected without opposition in 2012, and was again reelected without opposition in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Senator Riser has extensive business experience and currently serves as the president and owner of the Riser Funeral Homes located in Caldwell and Lasalle parishes, currently serves as a board member of the Caldwell Bank and Trust Company, and has previously served as the president of the Pelican State Life Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, he is happily married to Vicki Smith Riser, a native of Franklin Parish and former teacher at River Oaks High School in Monroe, who currently manages Riser Funeral Homes; and

WHEREAS, Neil and Vicki are the proud parents of two daughters, Emilie and Allison; and

WHEREAS, during his career in the Louisiana Senate, Senator Riser has served as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Senator Riser has been the deserving recipient of awards and honors throughout the course of his exemplary service as legislator, including his receipt of the 2013 National Rifle Association's Defender of Freedom Award and the Legislative Excellence Award from the Louisiana Shooting Association; and

WHEREAS, he was also a proud recipient of the Outstanding Family Advocate Award from the Louisiana Family Forum numerous times over his years of legislative service in the Louisiana Senate; and

WHEREAS, Senator Riser was given the Senator of the Year Award from the Louisiana Orthopedic Association in 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Neil was honored to give the commencement speech at his alma mater, the University of Louisiana at Monroe (formerly Northeast Louisiana University); and

WHEREAS, the good works of Senator Riser in protecting our constitutional freedoms will be realized for future generations to come; and

WHEREAS, as he prepares for the next productive chapter of his life, the Senate is confident that Neil Riser and the Riser family will continue to have a positive effect on their community and their state for many years to come.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Neil Riser for his faithful public service to this body and does hereby extend to him the best wishes of his colleagues for continued success in his future endeavors.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Neil Riser, the distinguished legislator from Louisiana Senatorial District 32.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE