

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 184

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Senator Gerald Long for his years of service to the citizens of the state of Louisiana while a member of the Louisiana Senate and the President Pro Tempore.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Senator Gerald Long for his years of service to the citizens of the state of  
3 Louisiana while a member of the Louisiana Senate and the President Pro Tempore.

4 WHEREAS, it is with enduring gratitude that Senate President Pro Tempore Gerald  
5 Long is commended for his stellar contributions to his constituents in the parishes of Grant,  
6 Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, and Winn, and to the citizens of the state of  
7 Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Long is a lifelong resident of Louisiana, having been reared in  
9 Winn Parish; and

10 WHEREAS, he graduated from Winnfield High School in 1962, and in 1966, he  
11 graduated from Northwestern State University; and

12 WHEREAS, while a senior at Northwestern State University, he met a beautiful  
13 freshman, Rose Marie Landry, who would become the love of his life; Gerald and Rose  
14 married in 1966, and that was the beginning of a love affair and partnership that would last  
15 50 years until her death in 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, they reared three loving and caring children, Andrea Long Phillips, Pam  
17 Long Jordan, and Richard Long; nine grandsons, and one granddaughter; Senator Long and  
18 Mrs. Rose passed down a love of God, as shown by their life and love, to their children and

1 grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, since the death of his wife, he has remarried Valerie Aymond Long; and

3 WHEREAS, after graduating from Northwestern State University with a bachelor's  
4 degree in education with a minor in English, he taught at Houma Junior High School and  
5 Leesville High School; and

6 WHEREAS, after teaching for a few years, he started a career in the insurance  
7 business and eventually he retired in 1999 as an insurance agent for State Farm Insurance  
8 Company; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Long earned the distinction of being a lifetime member of the  
10 State Farm President's Club which is earned by fewer than two percent of insurance agents  
11 nationally; and

12 WHEREAS, while an insurance agent and after he retired, Senator Long mentored  
13 numerous college students, coaches, and high school and middle school students in the  
14 Natchitoches area through his involvement with Fellowship of Christian Athletes for over  
15 eighteen years; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Long is a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of  
17 Natchitoches and because of his sincere and passionate belief in God, he is willing to witness  
18 to anyone about his faith; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Long is a descendant of the Long family political dynasty in  
20 the state of Louisiana, and in that tradition, he ran for office in 2007, and was elected senator  
21 for District 31 beginning in 2008; and

22 WHEREAS, he has served on numerous boards and commissions such as the  
23 Louisiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, the Legislative Advisory Council for  
24 the Southern Regional Education Board, the Louisiana Rural Caucus, the Northwestern State  
25 University Athletic Board of Directors, and the Ark-La-Tex Investment and Development  
26 Corporation; and

27 WHEREAS, he served on numerous legislative committees such as Agriculture,  
28 Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development; Education; Finance; Insurance; Retirement;  
29 Revenue and Fiscal Affairs; Transportation, Highways and Public Works; and the Joint  
30 Legislative Committee on the Budget; and

