

2022 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Herb Schilling on being honored at the UL-Lafayette Alumni Association's 25th annual Spring Gala.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Herb Schilling on being honored at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette
3 Alumni Association's twenty-fifth annual Spring Gala.

4 WHEREAS, Herbert E. Schilling II, known as "Herbie" to his friends, was born in
5 Lafayette, Louisiana, and is the only child of Herbert and Olga Richard Schilling; and

6 WHEREAS, Herb Schilling is a 1972 graduate of the University of Southwestern
7 Louisiana (USL), currently named as the University of Louisiana-Lafayette (ULL), with a
8 degree in business management; he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity; and
9 he was a four-year letterman on the 1971 USL golf team that won the Gulf State Conference
10 Championship and played in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division
11 II Championship; and

12 WHEREAS, upon graduation from USL, Schilling enlisted in the United States Army
13 Reserves and upon return from active duty, he went to work in his family's business,
14 Schilling Distributing Company; and

15 WHEREAS, Schilling was required to work in the family business during high
16 school summers and college, in every position and division, and during his career, he has
17 been the company's sales manager, general manager, vice president, and president; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1981, under his guidance, Schilling Distributing earned

1 Anheuser-Busch's inaugural Ambassador of Excellence Award; only six of one thousand
2 four hundred seventy distributorships nationwide earned the honor; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1983, Schilling was selected for Anheuser-Busch's Wholesale
4 Advisory Panel and two years later in 1985, he was elected chairman by his fellow panel
5 members; Schilling remains the youngest person ever to serve in that role; and

6 WHEREAS, in addition to Anheuser-Busch beers, he has expanded Schilling
7 Distributing's products to more than two hundred brands of beer, nonalcoholic products,
8 water, and a wide variety of wines and spirits; and

9 WHEREAS, Schilling has purchased two local radio stations; he has launched Argus
10 Security; he is a founding partner of Dolphin Compactors; and he is a part owner of
11 Louisiana Rice Mill, Fairway Logistics, Acadiana Waste Services, and iTA Truck Sales and
12 Service; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1980, Schilling resurrected the Louisiana Open State golf tournament
14 and then founded The Louisiana Open, Incorporated, a nonprofit organization that runs the
15 Chitimacha Louisiana Open, a pathway to the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour,
16 and the nonprofit has donated more than four million dollars to charities including the Boys
17 and Girls Club of Acadiana, Hospice of Acadiana, the Children's Museum of Acadiana,
18 Hearts of Hope, and Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA); and

19 WHEREAS, Schilling also started the nonprofit Recycling Foundation, which
20 provided curbside recycling to residents in the city of Lafayette; he was one of the founders
21 of the Upper Lafayette Economic Development Foundation; and he is a founding member
22 of One Acadiana and served on its chief executive officer advisory board; and

23 WHEREAS, an active entrepreneur, Schilling developed Pelican Park in Carencro,
24 Louisiana, and the facility opened in 1987 as the premier softball complex in the United
25 States; and

26 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Lafayette, the community has been a strong
27 influence on Schilling's decision to become involved in community organizations that
28 positively affect the growth of Lafayette and the Acadiana area.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
30 commend Herb Schilling on being honored at the UL-Lafayette Alumni Association's

