

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

COMMENDATIONS: Commends R. King Milling for twenty years of service to the restoration and protection of the coast of Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend R. King Milling for twenty years of service to the restoration and protection  
3 of the coast of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, R. King Milling followed two successful careers in law and banking  
5 with a third working for the protection, restoration, and conservation of coastal Louisiana;  
6 he paired his love for Louisiana wetlands and firsthand experiences while hunting and  
7 fishing with a natural penchant for translating both science and passion into the language of  
8 policy and action; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Milling has shown a clear understanding of the profound and far-  
10 reaching economic implications that the continued loss of Louisiana's wetlands has for both  
11 the state and the nation; he was among the first to see beyond the environmental and cultural  
12 tragedy Louisiana faces in the destruction of its wetlands; and

13 WHEREAS, additionally, Mr. Milling helped the business community understand  
14 the importance of working alongside the environmental community to engage with a  
15 problem of mutual concern; he used his well-earned reputation to bring attention to the issue  
16 of coastal land loss to the highest levels of power; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Milling was called upon by Governor Mike Foster in 2001 to lead  
18 the Committee on the Future of Coastal Louisiana; the committee created recommendations  
19 for expanding and fully implementing a statewide coastal restoration program; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to this role, Mr. Milling fought for the conservation of  
21 Louisiana's coast in numerous additional capacities; he was the founding chairman of the

1 board for the America's Wetland Foundation, which sought to bring a greater nationwide  
2 awareness of Louisiana's land loss crisis, and he successfully led the Governor's Advisory  
3 Commission for Coastal Protection, Restoration, and Conservation for twenty years; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Milling was also a dedicated member of the Coastal Protection and  
5 Restoration Authority board under four Louisiana governors through seven administrations;  
6 he served since its inception in 2007 following the devastating impacts of Hurricanes Katrina  
7 and Rita; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Milling bridged the worlds of finance and coastal restoration by  
9 serving on the Coastal Protection and Restoration Financing Corporation to pursue the  
10 bonding of Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act revenues and later *Deepwater Horizon*  
11 settlement revenues for the implementation of coastal restoration and protection projects;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Milling began serving on the board of the National Fish and  
14 Wildlife Foundation in 2013 when it began to oversee and implement a \$2.54 billion  
15 settlement agreement for the restoration of natural resources in the Gulf of Mexico after the  
16 devastation of the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill; he also served on the Atchafalaya River  
17 Basin Restoration and Enhancement Task Force during its work, in 2020 and 2021, to help  
18 elevate the critical issues facing the basin and build support for projects to reinvigorate the  
19 system; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Milling has also been an unwavering and vocal supporter of  
21 Louisiana's roadmap for the future of the coast, known as the 50-year Coastal Master Plan;  
22 he has been successful in moving the issue of Louisiana's coastal land loss crisis into the  
23 center of conversations about the future health, well-being, and existence of the state, and  
24 he has continuously been both fiercely independent and loyal to the cause of preserving  
25 Louisiana's coast for this and future generations; he is most deserving of the highest  
26 recognition.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
28 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend R. King Milling for twenty years of service  
29 to the restoration and protection of the coast of Louisiana; does hereby further recognize him  
30 for his genuine commitment to and passion for Louisiana's coast which he displays with

1 unique elegance, refined manner, and engaging repartee; and does hereby extend to him  
2 sincerest wishes that he continue to enjoy abundant health and prosperity as he continues his  
3 life in the coastal areas of Louisiana that he has helped to protect.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
5 R. King Milling.

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