

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 185

BY SENATORS BARROW AND FIELDS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Leon Valdry on his 90th birthday.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Leon Valdry on his ninetieth birthday.

3 WHEREAS, Leon E. Valdry, a native of Bueche, Louisiana, came from humble
4 beginnings and has established himself as a real estate icon currently living in Beverly Hills,
5 California; and

6 WHEREAS, an Army veteran, Leon Valdry graduated from Southern University in
7 Baton Rouge in 1957 with a degree in engineering; and

8 WHEREAS, Leon Valdry, a philanthropist and the largest donor to his beloved alma
9 mater, is a longtime supporter of the Southern University College of Business and a member
10 of the 1880 Society, P.B.S. Pinchback Circle; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2019, Southern University opened the doors to the Valdry Center for
12 Philanthropy, an academically-based research center focused on philanthropic studies and
13 nonprofit management; and

14 WHEREAS, the Valdry Center for Philanthropy is the only historically black college
15 or university philanthropy center in the United States and the center seeks to educate socially
16 conscious students, volunteers, and practitioners in the emerging field of philanthropic
17 studies through exploring the economic, historical, and philosophical rationales for voluntary
18 action in local, national, and international arenas; and

1 WHEREAS, by assisting young adults and students with their academic journey,
2 Mr. Valdry has blessed his communities in both Louisiana and Beverly Hills; and

3 WHEREAS, politically Leon Valdry is an active member of the Democratic Party
4 and throughout the years, Mr. Valdry has made numerous contributions to the party and he
5 looks forward to attending upcoming Democratic Party functions in Beverly Hills; and

6 WHEREAS, Leon Valdry is a devoted Catholic and he is a member of the usher team
7 at Church of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Beverly Hills, California; and

8 WHEREAS, a ninetieth birthday celebration for Mr. Valdry will be held at the
9 Valdry Center for Philanthropy located on the beautiful campus of Southern University to
10 celebrate the love, kindness, generosity, and time he has devoted to his communities.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12 does hereby commend Leon Valdry on his ninetieth birthday.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
14 Leon Valdry.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Kathy Liberty.

DIGEST

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