

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 185

BY SENATORS BARROW AND FIELDS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Leon Valdry on his ninetieth birthday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE