

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Jeneral C. "Jack" Chelette on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, Jack has made significant contributions to the lives of farmers in Calcasieu and Jefferson Davis parishes, dedicating over five decades to Prairie Land Company and over four decades to Walker Louisiana Properties; and

WHEREAS, Jack grew up in a rice farming family, and an appreciation for agriculture was ingrained in Jack from an early age; and

WHEREAS, in college, he and a friend planted a five-acre truck patch, hauled cattle to Oklahoma for summer grazing, and hauled hay back to Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Jack began his career as a land manager in the spring of 1966; over the span of his career, he would oversee twenty-seven farms in five different parishes; he was responsible for irrigation systems and marketing the crops; and

WHEREAS, the farmers' needs were always Jack's first priority; and

WHEREAS, Jack was instrumental in the sugarcane industry making a comeback in Southwest Louisiana, helping to form a sugarcane co-op and the sugar mill in Lacassine; and

WHEREAS, when Jack wasn't working, he spent his time laying pipelines, hunting alligator and harvesting alligator eggs, and raising heifers to sell for a profit; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the American Soybean Association, Louisiana Soybean Association, and National Grain Board; he served as secretary and president of the Ward Three Drainage Board in Calcasieu Parish and the Greater Lake Charles Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Jack was active in his church communities; at his Baptist church, he was the head of the Sunday School department and a member of the deacon board, and at the Assembly of God Church, he has served as a greeter and deacon and led a men's bible study group; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is grateful for and recognizes Jeneral C. "Jack" Chelette for his unwavering dedication and work ethic and his decades-long career of highly effective service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jeneral C. "Jack" Chelette on the occasion of his retirement; does hereby recognize and record his notable accomplishments and manifold contributions to agriculture in Calcasieu and Jefferson Davis parishes; and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness as he embarks upon new endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE