2023 Regular Session

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142** 

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHAMERHORN AND CHARLES OWEN

## A RESOLUTION

To commend Billy Lewis on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, Billy Lewis is the owner of Billy's Barber Shop, which was originally located on 3rd Street in Leesville, Louisiana; he and his brother, Phil Lewis, have provided quality service to the Vernon Parish community for the last sixty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Billy is an incredibly talented barber; his professional accomplishments include winning both a state competition in men's and women's haircuts and styles in 1970 and a national competition held in Florida in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis moved his barber shop to the Berrytown Shopping Center in Leesville in 1989; he also worked for the Louisiana Barber Board as an inspector of barber shops in 1997; his efforts even earned him the Small Business Award from the Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Billy ran a genuine family business that included more than his brother; his sister, Cricket Lewis Watkins, worked at his shop until she moved to Bossier City, Louisiana, and his son, Trey Lewis, worked with him; and

WHEREAS, Billy's Barber Shop moved to its current location in Southgate Plaza in 2010, and will remain there until Billy's retirement on May 11, 2023; he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his incredible career and service to the Vernon Parish community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Billy Lewis on the occasion of his retirement and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper and enjoy his well-earned retirement.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES