

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

COMMENDATIONS: Commends WDSU-TV Chief Meteorologist Margaret Orr on the occasion of her retirement

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend WDSU-TV Chief Meteorologist Margaret Orr on the occasion of her
3 retirement.

4 WHEREAS, Margaret Orr graduated from Louise S. McGehee School in New
5 Orleans, Louisiana, in 1971; she attended Louisiana State University, where she graduated
6 with a degree in English; despite majoring in English, she added courses on broadcast
7 journalism and meteorology, and she spent a summer working at TV and radio stations in
8 Waco, Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, after earning a degree, Margaret moved to Charleston, South Carolina,
10 where she found work as a radio station general manager's secretary; she later accepted a
11 full-time job as a receptionist at a Charleston TV station on the condition that she be allowed
12 to serve as a news intern in the evenings; and

13 WHEREAS, after three years in South Carolina, Margaret returned to Louisiana to
14 work as a general assignment reporter and weather fill-in at WBRZ in Baton Rouge; eleven
15 months later, in 1979, she accepted an offer from WDSU to work in the same role; she also
16 co-hosted WDSU's morning show, "The Breakfast Edition", and "The World's Fair Show"
17 which broadcast daily from the grounds of the World's Fair; and

18 WHEREAS, Margaret reported weather for WDSU's noon and five o'clock
19 newscasts; she began working seven days a week while raising two daughters and one son
20 with her husband Bill; despite the challenges, she emerged as one of the most recognizable
21 broadcast journalists in southeast Louisiana; more impressively, she also completed remote

1 college courses at Mississippi State University to earn her meteorology certification, and in
2 2008, WDSU promoted her to chief meteorologist; she has since covered thirty-one
3 hurricanes that impacted south Louisiana, including Katrina and Ida; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Orr is also an incredibly civic-minded individual whose
5 involvement in the community cannot be overstated; in 2020, a Krewe of Muses Mardi Gras
6 float saluted "Margaret Orracle of Da Sky", and during the 2024 Muses parade, she rode
7 aboard the krewe's signature red shoe float as the honorary Muse; she is a prominent
8 example of a local icon who is genuinely grounded in a community that adores her; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Orr plans to retire at the end of March following more than four
10 decades at WDSU-TV; she has served the people of south Louisiana with an inspiring degree
11 of passion and skill, and she is most deserving of the highest recognition.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend WDSU-TV Chief Meteorologist Margaret
14 Orr on the occasion of her retirement; does hereby further recognize her impact on the
15 communities of south Louisiana as a dedicated and skilled meteorologist; and does hereby
16 extend sincerest wishes that she continue to prosper in all of her endeavors as she begins the
17 next phase of her life in retirement.

DIGEST

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