

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 276

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends Ronnie S. Johns on the occasion of his retirement

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Ronnie S. Johns on the occasion of his retirement.

3 WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Ronnie S. Johns for his outstanding record
4 of dedicated service to the state of Louisiana and to commend him on the occasion of his
5 retirement from public service; and

6 WHEREAS, Ronnie is a native of Bunkie, Louisiana, and a graduate of Bunkie High
7 School; he holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and he
8 previously worked as a pharmacist with Retail Pharmacies and as the owner of Ronnie Johns
9 State Farm Insurance Company; and

10 WHEREAS, Ronnie has an extensive record of public service in both state and local
11 government; he served on the Bunkie City Council before being elected to represent
12 District 33 in the Louisiana House of Representatives, where he served from 1995 until
13 2008; in 2011, he was elected to serve District 27 in the Louisiana Senate, and he won
14 reelection in 2015 and 2019; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Johns was appointed to the role of chairman of the Louisiana
16 Gaming Board by Governor John Bel Edwards on July 21, 2021; upon taking the role, he
17 began work on developing the rules and regulations for the rollout of legalized sports
18 wagering; and

19 WHEREAS, during Mr. Johns's tenure as chairman, Louisiana's gaming industry has
20 seen two of the fifteen legacy riverboat licenses become first-class, land-based properties,
21 and another three properties are under construction; he has worked with numerous parties

1 on the development of mandated human trafficking training in all casinos, racetrack casinos,
2 and video poker truck stops across the state, and the program is expected to be implemented
3 during the third quarter of the 2024 calendar year; and

4 WHEREAS, Ronnie S. Johns is an incredibly civic-minded individual who has
5 devoted an immense measure of his time and knowledge in service to the state of Louisiana;
6 he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his amazing achievements.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ronnie S. Johns on the occasion of his
9 retirement; does hereby extend enduring appreciation to Mr. Johns for dedicating nearly four
10 decades of public service to the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes
11 that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors as he begins a new journey in retirement.

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