

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 276

BY REPRESENTATIVES FARNUM, BOURRIAQUE, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER,
GEYMANN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, AND TARVER

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, during Mr. Johns's tenure as chairman, Louisiana's gaming industry has seen two of the fifteen legacy riverboat licenses become first-class, land-based properties, and another three properties are under construction; he has worked with numerous parties on the development of mandated human trafficking training in all casinos, racetrack casinos,

and video poker truck stops across the state, and the program is expected to be implemented during the third quarter of the 2024 calendar year; and

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES