

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

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1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate John Keller upon the occasion of his retirement and  
3 recognize and honor his life, service, contributions and the sacrifices he made for his  
4 community and country.

5 WHEREAS, John Isaac Keller was born in Baton Rouge on February 16, 1944, and  
6 baptized at an early age at Rose Hill Baptist Church; and

7 WHEREAS, he attended McKinley High School, where he excelled in both track and  
8 football, graduating in 1962; and

9 WHEREAS, following high school, John pursued higher education at Southern  
10 University in Baton Rouge; and

11 WHEREAS, after three years of college, John answered the call to serve his country  
12 and was drafted into the United States Army, undergoing basic training at Ft. Polk in  
13 Leesville, Louisiana, and subsequently serving in Vietnam with distinction as part of a  
14 reconnaissance patrol unit; and

15 WHEREAS, John's dedication and bravery were evident as he fought for survival in  
16 Vietnam, enduring hardships and ultimately contracting malaria, for which he was awarded  
17 the Purple Heart; and

18 WHEREAS, upon his honorable discharge from the army in 1968, John returned to

