

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Louis S. Reine on the occasion of his retirement as president of the Louisiana AFL-CIO.

WHEREAS, formed in 1955, the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) is the largest federation of unions in the United States with the Louisiana AFL-CIO supporting over 100,000 members across the state, including local unions, building trade councils, and central labor councils advocating for better wages, benefits, safe working conditions, and pro-worker policies; and

WHEREAS, Louis S. Reine has been a constant participant in each regular and extraordinary legislative session over the past twenty-nine years as he has served as assistant to the president and Director of Legislative and Political Activities for the Louisiana AFL-CIO, including the position of Secretary-Treasurer from 2005-2006 prior to his election in 2026 as president of the Louisiana AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS, while engaged in yearly battles with the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI), Louis says, "[T]he majority of my personal dealings with LABI have been with [lobbyist] Jim Patterson...[H]e has a constituency that pushes for certain things. I have a constituency that pushes for other things. [H]e was always truthful and a man of honor."; and

WHEREAS, Louis has been a member of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 1098 for over fifty years as well as the Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local 214 for over twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the staff of the Louisiana AFL-CIO in 1997, Louis held various positions in his local union ranging from outstanding apprentice to apprenticeship director and administrator of the Health & Welfare and Pension Benefits Fund for Carpenters Local 1098 while emphasizing economic security for workers through a fair

wage, the opportunity for their children to obtain an education, available and affordable health care, and the ability to retire with a secure pension; and

WHEREAS, he has provided invaluable leadership and expertise on numerous state boards and commissions, including serving on the Louisiana Technical College Advisory Board, the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council, the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Commission, and the Industry-Based Certification Committee; and

WHEREAS, his public service further includes membership on many influential bodies, including the Louisiana Racing Commission, the Louisiana Recovery Authority, the Task Force on Structural Changes in Budget and Tax Policy, the Louisiana State School to Work, the Louisiana Statewide Apprenticeship Administrators Association, the Louisiana State Council of Carpenters, the Louisiana Health Care Commission, the Louisiana Occupational Forecasting Conference, the Louisiana Economic Development Council, the Louisiana High School Redesign Commission, the Louisiana Indigent Defense Board, and the Louisiana Health Works Commission; chair of the Louisiana Re-Entry Council, and through the Louisiana Department of Education, Louis is recognized as a Baton Rouge Vocational-Technical School Certified Technical Instructor; and

WHEREAS, Louis has also been deeply involved in civic and community organizations, including serving as a national board member of the Council on Occupational Education, participating in the East Baton Rouge Youth Council, the East Baton Rouge Parish Vocational Advisory Council, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Workforce Development Board, and the Southern States Apprenticeship Council Steering Committee, Youth Apprenticeship, the Board of Directors for Young Emerging Leaders of Louisiana, and volunteer service with the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, although his professional accomplishments are numerous, Louis is foremost a family man devoted to his wife, Sharon Flory Reine, and they are the proud parents of five children and grandparents of six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, through decades of tireless advocacy, leadership, and service, Louis S. Reine has made a lasting and meaningful contribution to the workers of Louisiana and has contributed to the betterment of this great state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Louis S. Reine upon the occasion of his retirement as president of the Louisiana AFL-CIO and does further express appreciation for his many years of service and dedication to the workers of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Louis S. Reine with best wishes for continued success and happiness in a well-deserved retirement.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES