

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 166

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes and commends the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System for providing reliable public water service to the citizens of St. Landry Parish.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System for providing reliable public water  
3 service to the citizens of St. Landry Parish.

4 WHEREAS, the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System was established in 1969 for the  
5 purpose of providing safe, reliable, and centralized public water service to the rural  
6 communities of Lewisburg and Bellevue and surrounding areas of St. Landry Parish,  
7 Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, prior to the establishment of the system, many residents of these rural  
9 communities depended upon private wells and limited water sources that often lacked  
10 dependable quality, pressure, and adequate fire protection capabilities; and

11 WHEREAS, local citizens and community leaders organized the Lewisburg-Bellevue  
12 Water System as a nonprofit rural water corporation dedicated to improving public health,  
13 sanitation, infrastructure, and quality of life for residents throughout northern and western  
14 Opelousas and surrounding unincorporated communities; and

15 WHEREAS, through decades of service, the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System has  
16 expanded and modernized its infrastructure to meet the growing needs of the community by  
17 investing in groundwater wells, pumping stations, elevated storage facilities, chlorination  
18 systems, distribution pipelines, and fire protection infrastructure; and

1           WHEREAS, the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System has continuously operated in  
2 accordance with state and federal drinking water regulations under the oversight of the  
3 Louisiana Department of Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency,  
4 while providing annual water quality reporting and maintaining compliance with public  
5 health standards; and

6           WHEREAS, the system has played an essential role in supporting residential  
7 development, improving sanitation, enhancing fire protection capabilities, strengthening  
8 property values, and promoting economic and community growth throughout rural portions  
9 of St. Landry Parish; and

10           WHEREAS, the Lewisburg and Bellevue communities possess a rich cultural and  
11 agricultural heritage deeply rooted in the history of St. Landry Parish, and the creation of the  
12 Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System represented a major advancement in modern public  
13 infrastructure for these historic rural communities; and

14           WHEREAS, the continued operation and service of the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water  
15 System remains vital to the health, welfare, safety, and prosperity of the citizens it serves.

16           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
17 does hereby recognize and commend the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System for its  
18 longstanding commitment to providing reliable public water service and infrastructure  
19 improvements to the citizens of St. Landry Parish since its founding in 1969.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does  
21 hereby express appreciation for the dedication of the board members, employees, community  
22 leaders, and residents whose efforts have contributed to the success and continued operation  
23 of the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
25 Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System in recognition of its important contributions to the people  
26 and communities of St. Landry Parish and the state of Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Commends the Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System for providing reliable public water service to rural St. Landry Parish communities.