

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO

A RESOLUTION

To commend Meteorologist Bob Breck for his many years of dedicated service to WVUE-TV and the citizens of New Orleans and to record for posterity his profound impact upon the lives of all those who watch him and have received their weather news from him throughout his over thirty-year career in television meteorology.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Bob Breck for an outstanding career in meteorology and recognize his many achievements and significant contributions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Breck, a native of Hammond, Indiana, has been an adopted son of New Orleans since his long and distinguished career as a meteorologist for WVUE began in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Breck received a bachelor of science degree in meteorology and oceanography from the University of Michigan in December 1969; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the Marine Corps and the Air Force Reserves, Mr. Breck began his television career in 1971 at WTVT Channel 13 in Tampa, Florida, where he trained under Tampa weather legend Roy Leep; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Mr. Breck moved to WDTN-TV 2 in Dayton, Ohio, where he served as Chief Meteorologist for five years; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Breck returned to the south as Chief Meteorologist for WVUE-TV in New Orleans and began what was to be a legendary career in which he would see generations of Orleanians through fair and foul weather, including some of the most devastating times in the city's history; and

WHEREAS, the name Bob Breck has become synonymous with comprehensive, thorough, and reliable weather coverage, particularly during hurricane season, as Mr. Breck covered all of the major storms of the past thirty years, including Frederic in 1979, Juan in 1985, Andrew in 1992, Georges in 1998, Isidore and Lilli in 2002, Ivan in 2004, and most famously, Katrina and Rita in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Breck received the American Meteorological Society (AMS) Seal of Approval in 1971 and the AMS Certified Broadcast Meteorologist Seal in 2009, and he is the only Chief Meteorologist in New Orleans to display the AMS CBM seal and he has been twice honored by the National Hurricane Conference and was named AMS Broadcaster of the Year in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Breck is the proud father of three sons with his late wife Paula, and he is married to Brenda Bell-Breck, a native of Monroe, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Breck is widely respected and admired by his colleagues in the television news business, many of whom are blessed to call him a friend, and all of whom recognize the professionalism and expertise with which he provides invaluable weather news and information to the New Orleans area day after day, year after year; and

WHEREAS, the debt of the people of Louisiana to Bob Breck is indeed great, for he has touched the lives of not only those fortunate enough to have known him but of all those who grew up watching and listening to him on television and who feel the lasting impact of his legacy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Breck, one of Louisiana's finest sons, is beloved for his extraordinary gifts and talents, and he merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for his singular contributions and outstanding accomplishments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bob Breck for his remarkable career as Chief Meteorologist for WVUE in New Orleans, does hereby express enduring appreciation for all the help and information he has provided over the years and the honor his outstanding work brings to his family and friends, the Crescent City, and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend best wishes to him for continued success, health, and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bob Breck.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES