

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 140

BY SENATOR WARD

A RESOLUTION

To commend James Douglas Holden for his long and enduring achievements and remarkable contributions.

WHEREAS, James Douglas Holden was married to the love of his life, Henrietta Michelli, for seventy-one years, and has three wonderful sons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holden is a loving father to his children and loving grandfather to seven precious grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he served his country with honor in the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, he was a pilot for twenty years and earned his commercial pilot's license although he never worked for a commercial airline; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holden used his expertise in aviation to judge aircraft aerobatic competitions throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, he built and flew an experimental kit plane out of fiberglass; and

WHEREAS, throughout Mr. Holden's life and career, he designed and developed many inventions, including an air injected pressure cooker used by Kentucky Fried Chicken to cook chicken at a high temperature while injecting steam pressure which allowed chicken to brown, stay moist and tender, and prevent it from burning at a high temperature; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holden developed retention band ring type gas and oil burners and designed the machine that used steam injection on women's nylon hosiery to hold its shape; and

WHEREAS, he also developed ground level ignition for gas flares, as well as the tubular air heater used to dry lumber in kilns; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holden developed a metering device for filling containers with semi-solid material and also developed a flange pack used to assemble the steel pipes on the Alaska oil pipeline and is still used today; and

WHEREAS, he built furnaces which could anneal tubes used for toothpaste and fill those tubes at one per second; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holden developed an incineration process that burns plastic insulation off of copper wires which allows the copper to be re-used; and

WHEREAS, he also developed the process, and furnished the steam boilers, used to remove the unpleasant odor from soybeans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holden furnished the start-up boilers for nuclear power plants in middle Tennessee and Paducah, Kentucky, and developed and built the ovens employed to cook the drying agent used in oxygen tanks; and

WHEREAS, James Douglas Holden merits a special measure of commendation for his numerous achievements and remarkable contributions, and for the tremendous pride that he brings to his friends, family, and community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend James Douglas Holden for his long and enduring achievements and contributions and does hereby extend to him every good wish for continued success, prosperity, and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to James Douglas Holden.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE