

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 178

BY SENATORS HEITMEIER, ALARIO AND MORRELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend Vincent Cox III for his twenty-five years of service on the Gretna City Council.

WHEREAS, Vincent Cox was initially prompted to run for the city council in Gretna in the 1980s because he was concerned about friends and neighbors leaving the city and moving to the north shore of Lake Ponchartrain; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox has been a staunch proponent of increasing and upgrading recreational opportunities within the city; and

WHEREAS, one of the projects of which he is most proud is the building of the Gretna City Park Observatory, which contains a sixteen-inch telescope for star gazing; and

WHEREAS, the recreational facilities include a BMX bicycle track and the Mel Ott Multipurpose Center, costing more than six million dollars, which will open the first weekend in June, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Mel Ott Center is the most expensive publicly-owned structure in Gretna and is located on the corner of Gretna Boulevard and the Belle Chasse Highway, where it easily dominates the landscape of the park; and

WHEREAS, the expansive facility is seen as providing a place for all ages to gather and have fun, including aerobics and dance classes, basketball and volleyball tournaments, and for meetings of community groups; and

WHEREAS, early in his tenure on the council, Vincent Cox supported the push to sell more than seven million dollars in bonds to finance drainage projects, to improve city zoning, and to create a historic district; and

WHEREAS, looking toward the future, Mr. Cox sees the current budget and infrastructure issues, especially issues of capital projects necessary within the city, as the likely focus of the mayor and city council for the next four year-term; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Cox III is a lifelong resident of Gretna, and his family has lived in the city since its founding; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Cox and his wife, Shari, have followed the tradition in the Cox family and have raised their two children in Gretna.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Vincent Cox III for his twenty-five years of service on the Gretna City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Vincent Cox III of Gretna, Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE