

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 191

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Daniel L. Juneau for his years of service upon the occasion of his retirement as the president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.

WHEREAS, as Dan Juneau prepares to retire from the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature will mark the final session wherein he serves as president of the organization; and

WHEREAS, he merits a special commendation for his lifelong commitment to economic growth in Louisiana and his extensive service to the people and business community of Louisiana as president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry; and

WHEREAS, Dan Juneau has devoted the past forty years of his life to fighting for key reforms necessary to improve Louisiana's business climate and strengthen its economy; and

WHEREAS, he was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, and grew up in Rapides Parish where he attended public schools and graduated from Menard Memorial High School and thereafter Louisiana State University in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Dan Juneau received his bachelor of arts degree in liberal arts from the University of Louisiana in Lafayette and thereafter was an instructor at Rayne Catholic Elementary School in Rayne, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he was selected to serve as general manager of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce in 1972, a position he held for 14 years, during which time he learned the challenges facing businesses at the local level; and

WHEREAS, during this same period, Dan Juneau also served as vice president of the Louisiana Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, chairman of the Louisiana Business Task Force on Unemployment Compensation, and chairman of the Labor-Management Council of LABI; and

WHEREAS, he left his position at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and moved to Baton Rouge to become vice president of government relations for the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, after three years as vice president and chief lobbyist, Dan Juneau was chosen to lead the organization as the second president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry; and

WHEREAS, Dan Juneau was an active participant in many of the key legislative reform initiatives over the past forty years, including passage of Right to Work, unemployment and workers compensation reforms, education accountability, insurance availability and affordability, river pilotage reform, civil justice reform, workforce development, and the reduction or repeal of business taxes that placed Louisiana at a competitive disadvantage with its neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, during the twenty-four years he has led the Louisiana business community's premier organization, Dan Juneau also served as vice chairman of the Senate Committee to Study Tax Exemptions, a member of the Public Affairs Committee of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Louisiana Supreme Court Advisory Commission, a member of the Louisiana Health Care Redesign Collaborative, and a member of the Louisiana Task Force on Workforce Competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, he has continuously shown his passion to improve public and alternative education by serving as a member of the Commission on Secondary School Redesign, a member of the School Finance Review Committee, a member of the School District Dialogue State Review Commission, a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence, and a member of the board of directors of Teach for America; and

WHEREAS, Dan Juneau's strong support for education is particularly shown by his service as the chairman of the School Improvement Team at Northdale Magnet Academy in Baton Rouge, one of Louisiana's first alternative high schools for at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, his peers in positions similar to his as president of a state chamber of commerce and manufacturers association have honored him by choosing him to serve on the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers, as chairman of the Council of State Manufacturers Association, and twice as chairman of the Council of State Chambers of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Dan Juneau has positioned LABI as a strong force for an improved business climate in Louisiana, and he believes that strong, positive, ethical participation in legislative and judicial elections plus active involvement in the legislative process is a must for businesses to survive and flourish in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife Charmaine Hebert Juneau, a retired National Board Certified instructor at Gonzales Middle School in Ascension Parish, share three children, Casey, Josh, and Jacob, and two grandchildren, Braydon and Aurora, with whom they share many interests including fishing at the Juneau Camp at Butte LaRose, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize Dan Juneau's commitment and service to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Daniel L. Juneau for his years of service upon his retirement as president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, does hereby recognize his forty-year career of very distinguished service to the state of Louisiana, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his notable accomplishments and manifold contributions to the Louisiana business community, and does hereby extend to Dan Juneau and his family best wishes for continued health and happiness and a well-deserved retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Daniel L. Juneau.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE