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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 221

BY REPRESENTATIVES MILLER, WILLMOTT, SCHEXNAYDER, AND GAINES

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Judge Joel Chaisson for his many years of service to the state of Louisiana

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend the Honorable Joel T. Chaisson upon his selection as the recipient of the 2013
3	C. Alvin Bertel Award.
4	WHEREAS, the 2013 C. Alvin Bertel Award will be presented by the World Trade
5	Center of New Orleans to the Honorable Joel T. Chaisson, executive director of the Port of
6	South Louisiana, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the advancement of the
7	greater New Orleans port area, and it is appropriate to commend Mr. Chaisson for his many
8	contributions to the ports of greater New Orleans, the River Parishes, and the state of
9	Louisiana; and
10	WHEREAS, Judge Chaisson is a public servant whose excellence as a state leader
11	and policymaker was proven in his service in the Louisiana House of Representatives, to
12	which he was twice elected to represent the River Parishes, and during which time he used
13	every opportunity to serve the citizens of his district and the state in an honorable and
14	dedicated manner; and
15	WHEREAS, from 1964 to 1968 and from 1980 to 1982, Representative Chaisson
16	served with great distinction as a member of the commerce, conservation, judiciary, and
17	public health and welfare committees, bringing his unique talents and exuberant personality
18	to the position as a highly effective and productive leader; and
19	WHEREAS, during his time in the House of Representatives, Judge Chaisson worked
20	on and supported many important pieces of legislation, including legislation related to
21	making the River Parishes and the greater New Orleans port area major centers of business
22	and commerce for the state and legislation related to coastal protection and restoration; and

1	WHEREAS, in addition to his service in the House of Representatives, Judge
2	Chaisson had a long and productive career serving the River Parishes and the greater New
3	Orleans area as a special prosecutor and assistant district attorney for the Twenty-Ninth
4	Judicial District Court from 1972 to 1975, as a judge in the Twenty-Ninth Judicial District
5	Court from January 1982 through December 1996, as legal counsel to the Port of South
6	Louisiana from April 2000 to April 2005 and as executive director of the Port of South
7	Louisiana from April 2005 to July 2013; and
8	WHEREAS, Judge Chaisson is married to the former Bobbie Gulledge and they are
9	the proud parents of Joel II, Robert, Walter, Paul, Jared, Maria, John, David, and Eve; and
10	WHEREAS, Judge Chaisson is a member of many professional and civic
11	organizations including the American Bar Association, Louisiana Bar Association, American
12	Judges Association, American Judicature Society, Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges
13	Association, Twenty-Ninth Judicial District Bar Association, Louisiana State University
14	Law Alumni Association, Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, World Trade Center of New
15	Orleans, Committee of 100, Ports Association of Louisiana, American Association of Port
16	Authorities, Gulf Ports Association of the Americas, Louisiana River Pilot Review and
17	Oversight Board, Intermodal Association of North America, Mississippi Valley Trade and
18	Transport Council, International Freight Forwarders and Custom Brokers Association of
19	New Orleans, Inland Rivers Ports and Terminals, Red River Valley Association, and the
20	Louisiana International Board of Commerce; and
21	WHEREAS, as he prepares to begin the next exciting and productive chapter of his
22	life, Judge Chaisson merits a sincere measure of commendation for his singular contributions
23	and the exemplary strides he has taken as an exceptional former member of the Louisiana
24	House of Representatives, as a prosecutor and judge, and as the executive director of the Port
25	of South Louisiana.
26	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
27	Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends the Honorable Joel T. Chaisson upon his
28	selection as the recipient of the 2013 C. Alvin Bertel Award, hereby extends honor and
29	recognition to him for his outstanding accomplishments, particularly as executive director
30	of the Port of South Louisiana and during his tenure as a member of the Louisiana House of

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- 1 Representatives, which was marked by his uncompromising endeavor to improve the welfare
- 2 of his constituents in the New Orleans area, the River Parishes, and the citizens of the state
- 3 of Louisiana, and hereby pays tribute to him for the generous and effective way in which he
- 4 has dedicated his intelligence and energy to the service of his family, friends, community,
- 5 the House of Representatives, and the state of Louisiana.
- 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana House of Representatives hereby
- 7 expresses enduring gratitude to Representative Chaisson for his service to the citizens of
- 8 Louisiana as evidenced by his superlative achievements as a member of this distinguished
- 9 body, and hereby extends to him the best wishes of all of his colleagues for continued
- 10 prosperity and success in his future endeavors.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- to the Honorable Joel T. Chaisson.

DIGEST

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Commends Judge Joel Chaisson for his many years of service to the state of Louisiana and upon his receipt of the 2013 C. Alvin Bertel Award.