

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mickey Durand upon his election and installation as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Free and Accepted Masons for 2014-2015.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Earl J. "Mickey" Durand upon his election and installation
3 as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Free and
4 Accepted Masons for 2014-2015.

5 WHEREAS, Freemasonry has a long and rich history in Louisiana and has been a
6 positive influence in our society for over two hundred years; and

7 WHEREAS, it is always good to recognize and commend those individuals who,
8 during their life, especially exemplify the characteristics and actions of a good citizen and
9 civic leader; and

10 WHEREAS, Earl J. "Mickey" Durand, a 33rd/ Scottish Rite Mason, was installed as
11 the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the state of Louisiana, Free and Accepted
12 Masons, at the 203rd annual Grand Communication at Bossier City, Louisiana, in February
13 2014; and

14 WHEREAS, for sixty-three years, in both Masonic and the appendant bodies of
15 Masonry, Mickey Durand has served tirelessly and faithfully in numerous official positions
16 including Worshipful Master of Anchor Lodge #268, where he holds perpetual membership;
17 and also as treasurer and as president of the Masonic Building Association; Grand Tyler,
18 Grand Junior Warden, Grand Senior Warden and Deputy Grand Master; and

1 WHEREAS, his zeal for the institution of Masonry has caused him to affiliate with
2 various other appendant bodies such as the Order of DeMolay which he joined in 1951 at the
3 age of thirteen; The Royal Arch, a degree which he received in June of 1967 at LaSalle
4 Chapter No. 86 in Urania, Louisiana, where he served as High Priest in 1969; High Priest
5 of Keystone Chapter #44 in Alexandria, Louisiana, in 1984; Grand High Priest for the state
6 of Louisiana in 1994; and

7 WHEREAS, Mickey also received the Council Degrees at Summit Council # 12,
8 Alexandria, Louisiana, in 1978; served as Illustrious Master in 1983; Illustrious Grand
9 Master of Louisiana in 2002; was knighted in Trinity Commandery No. 8 in Alexandria,
10 Louisiana, in October 1978, where he served as Commander in 1982 and 2003; served as
11 Inspector General of the Grand Commandery in 2001; and was elected to the Grand
12 Commandery Line in 2004 and served as Grand Commander in 2009-2010; and

13 WHEREAS, he is an active Shriner and has been a member of the El Karubah Shrine
14 since 1978 serving in several positions; and

15 WHEREAS, Earl J. "Mickey" Durand has spent his life inculcating the Masonic
16 ideals of friendship, morality, and brotherly love, and generously sharing his personal belief
17 in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of all men; and

18 WHEREAS, Earl J. "Mickey" Durand has been a successful businessman,
19 community activist, committed father, and faithful husband who upholds the Masonic
20 concepts of self-improvement and charity to others as part of his daily life; and

21 WHEREAS, these Masonic ideals and his personal character traits are universally
22 recognized by all good people as a positive influence in human society; and

23 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
24 and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication
25 of extraordinary men of great character like Earl J. "Mickey" Durand.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
27 does hereby commend and congratulate Earl J. "Mickey" Durand on his election and
28 ascension to the Grand East as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
29 the State of Louisiana, Free and Accepted Masons, and wish for him much success in all his
30 future endeavors.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Earl J.
2 "Mickey" Durand.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

DIGEST

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