

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD

COMMENDATIONS: Commends G.J. "Pie" Martinez on being named the 2014 Sabine Hall of Fame inductee

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend G.J. "Pie" Martinez, the current mayor of Zwolle, Louisiana, on the prestigious  
3 honor of being named the 2014 Sabine Hall of Fame inductee.

4 WHEREAS, G.J. "Pie" Martinez was born on December 11, 1940, in Shreveport,  
5 Louisiana, to the late G.L. and Catherine Sepulvado Martinez; he was the oldest of three  
6 brothers and one sister, and received his nickname of "Sweetie Pie" at an early age, which  
7 was eventually shortened to "Pie"; and

8 WHEREAS, G.J. "Pie" Martinez is a 1958 honors graduate of Zwolle High School,  
9 where he lettered in basketball all four seasons and was voted "most popular" and "Mr.  
10 Zwolle High" by his classmates; and

11 WHEREAS, following high school graduation, G.J. "Pie" Martinez attended  
12 Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, before enrolling at Spencer  
13 Draughon Business School in Shreveport, Louisiana; and

14 WHEREAS, while being enrolled in school, G.J. "Pie" Martinez worked part time  
15 for Wonder Bread and his father's timber business, G.L. Martinez Poling and Piling  
16 Company, which made an impression on his life; and

17 WHEREAS, G.J. "Pie" Martinez married Agatha Sepulvado in 1961, and they are  
18 the parents of four children, grandparents of fourteen grandchildren, and one great-grandson  
19 with another on the way, three step-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren with  
20 one on the way; and

21 WHEREAS, Martinez constantly desired to help others and worked to overcome

1 any obstacle that he and others in his community encountered; and

2 WHEREAS, Martinez began his career in the 1950s and continuously strived to keep  
3 his knowledge current in the face of changes that he witnessed firsthand, such as the  
4 replacement of mules and horses by farm tractors with water-filled tires, log hog tractors,  
5 and various models of John Deere skidders; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1961, G.J. "Pie" Martinez became foreman for a handpole peeling  
7 crew for International Paper Co. located in Zwolle and also made selections of poles to be  
8 cut, which was a specialized job; and

9 WHEREAS, because his hard work and dedication to International Paper Co. was  
10 evident, the company moved him to supervise a fence post peeling operation in 1962; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1964, Martinez returned to his father's business, whereupon, after an  
12 accident in the woods, he unfortunately lost sight in his left eye; a tragedy that took Martinez  
13 and his family through hard times, but with G.J. "Pie" Martinez's faith and perseverance, he  
14 overcame that obstacle and became a stronger man because of it; and

15 WHEREAS, Martinez has been labeled as a distinctive leader in his community  
16 because of the help he offers to others and the support he gives to many fundraisers, youth  
17 sports teams, the Easter Seals, and blood drives; and

18 WHEREAS, over the years, Martinez has had key roles in many aspects of politics  
19 in Sabine Parish; he was instrumental in giving disabled people the opportunity to drive a  
20 tractor-trailer rig in Louisiana, he helped with the revision of laws in moving logging  
21 equipment, he served on a number of boards in Sabine Parish, and was appointed to the  
22 Advisory Board for the Louisiana Technical College – Sabine Valley Campus, where he  
23 continues to serve today; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1991, Martinez was honored as one of Louisiana's Northwest Loggers  
25 of the Year; in 1992, he was awarded the Outstanding Community Service Award by the  
26 Sabine Parish Chamber of Commerce; in 1993, he was named to Who's Who in Leading  
27 American Executives and appointed as a trustee of Sabine Medical Center; in 1994, he was  
28 asked to serve on the Advisory Board for Peoples State Bank and received the Diocesan  
29 Medal for Service at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Zwolle; and

1           WHEREAS, G.J. "Pie" Martinez is an active and devoted parishioner at St. Joseph's  
2 Church, where he is a trustee, Eucharistic minister, and a member of the finance and pastoral  
3 councils; and

4           WHEREAS, because of Martinez's hard work and knowledge in logging and forestry,  
5 he helped establish the Zwolle Logging and Forestry Festival, which will celebrate its  
6 nineteenth year in May of 2014; he also helped the town of Zwolle purchase and develop the  
7 festival grounds; and

8           WHEREAS, G.J. "Pie" Martinez spent fifty-five years in the logging business, from  
9 which he retired in 2002; he holds the honor of being named Area Outstanding Logger and  
10 was presented the Director Emeritus Award from the Louisiana Forestry Association; in  
11 2007, he was inducted into the Louisiana Loggers' Hall of Fame; and

12           WHEREAS, in 2010, G.J. "Pie" Martinez decided to run for Mayor of Zwolle and  
13 is in the position that he currently holds, because he loves serving and working for the  
14 betterment of his hometown.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend G.J. "Pie" Martinez on being named the  
17 seventeenth inductee into the Sabine Hall of Fame.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
19 to G.J. "Pie" Martinez.

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DIGEST

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Howard

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Commends G.J. "Pie" Martinez on being named the 17th inductee into the Sabine Hall of Fame.