

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 167

BY SENATOR ERDEY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends C. Earle Benton on the occasion of his 91st birthday.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend C. Earle Benton on the occasion of his ninety-first birthday.

3 WHEREAS, C. Earle Benton was born on July 31, 1923, in Pineville to Leslie  
4 Benton Sr. and Sammie Brecheen Benton; and

5 WHEREAS, he had four brothers, Leslie, Milton, Carey, and William; and one sister,  
6 Grace; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Benton graduated from Denham Springs High School as the class  
8 valedictorian, then received a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Science in  
9 Mathematics from Southeastern Louisiana University; and

10 WHEREAS, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in 1943, was a  
11 lieutenant, and navigated a B-129; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Benton married Mary Henrietta "Nook" Bencaz on July 14, 1946,  
13 and they have one son, John, and one daughter, Emily Jane "Cissy" Grantham; and

14 WHEREAS, he has seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Benton is active in his community as a member of the Kiwanis  
16 Club and as a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church of Denham Springs; and

17 WHEREAS, in his spare time, he enjoys bird watching and playing golf; and

18 WHEREAS, in his golden years, Mr. Benton works every day at Benton Brothers

1 Antique Mall, which opened in 1938 as Benton Brothers Furniture and changed to an antique  
2 store twenty years ago; and

3 WHEREAS, every year on July 31, he celebrates his birthday at Investar Bank in  
4 Denham Springs with friends and family who gather to honor his special day and dine on  
5 coffee and doughnuts; and

6 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,  
7 and the overall vitality of American society depend upon people like C. Earle Benton, an  
8 extraordinary gentleman and a true inspiration to all; and

9 WHEREAS, on the memorable occasion of his ninety-first birthday, it is appropriate  
10 that sincere and heartfelt congratulations be extended to C. Earle Benton for his lifetime of  
11 outstanding devotion to his family, friends, and community.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
13 does hereby commend and congratulate C. Earle Benton on the occasion of his ninety-first  
14 birthday.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to C.  
16 Earle Benton.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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DIGEST

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