

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 167

BY SENATOR ALARIO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate R. Michael Lyons, general counsel of Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, in recognition of thirty-six years of outstanding service to Louisiana's oil and gas industry.

WHEREAS, for thirty-six years, R. Michael Lyons has been employed by the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association serving the oil and gas industry in Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, as the association's general counsel, he has served as the association's primary contact for all legal, legislative, and regulatory matters related to natural resources, oil and gas, and environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Mike has been instrumental in lobbying major industry issues including the oil and gas processing tax, legacy lawsuits, oil spill legislation, rigs-to-reefs, Statewide Order 29-B, and air toxics legislation, which were unique to Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mike Lyons' career has also spanned the entirety of the state's environmental regulatory development; and

WHEREAS, he has worked tirelessly during hurricanes representing industry at the state's Emergency Operations Center, and he was instrumental in securing a permanent seat on behalf of the oil and gas industry at the Emergency Operations Center, providing critically important information impacting members' operations in Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico during times of need; and

WHEREAS, Mike Lyons created and organized the Gulf of Mexico Coalition in 1993, a coalition of business and industry across the Gulf Coast, to participate in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program, and has served as the Chairman of the Gulf of Mexico Coalition since its inception, working tirelessly on its behalf; and

WHEREAS, his career has spanned three Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association presidents, twenty-one association chairmen, six governors, twelve Department of Natural Resources secretaries, nine commissioners of conservation, and ten Department of Environmental Quality secretaries; and

WHEREAS, Mike Lyons will be retiring in 2014 after a long and distinguished career as general counsel for the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, and where his knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that R. Michael Lyons, general counsel of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, is hereby commended and congratulated in recognition of his outstanding service to Louisiana's oil and gas industry and best wishes are hereby extended to him for continued good health and happiness in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to R. Michael Lyons.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES