

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY SENATOR APPEL

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company upon its 25th anniversary.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company upon its twenty-fifth anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, in 1883, when Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company was originally  
4 founded as American Savings, banking was more about talking directly to customers and  
5 building lasting trust in a customer service driven industry; and

6 WHEREAS, on June 11, 1990, Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company opened its doors  
7 by taking over American Savings as well as Security Homestead Deposits, Southern Savings  
8 & Loan, and Columbia Homestead; and

9 WHEREAS, led by President and Chief Executive Officer Guy T. Williams and  
10 businessman Dieter Hugel, the team of investors shared a vision to build a bank that adheres  
11 to past principles of serving customers combined with modern day banking technologies;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, over the past twenty-five years, Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company has  
14 grown to include eighteen retail branch locations in five southeast Louisiana parishes, and  
15 has become one of the largest mortgage lenders in Louisiana that continues to help  
16 customers achieve the American dream of home ownership; and

17 WHEREAS, the bank's factoring division, Gulf Coast Business Credit operates in  
18 numerous states, giving businesses around the country needed access to capital for growth

1 and stability; and

2 WHEREAS, for many years, Gulf Coast Bank has been named by the United States  
3 Small Business Administration (SBA) as one of the top SBA Lenders in Louisiana for  
4 assisting small businesses in turning their good ideas into realities; and

5 WHEREAS, to boost community-support efforts, there are 385 Gulf Coast Bank &  
6 Trust Company employees working to support nonprofit organizations awarding more than  
7 fifty thousand dollars annually to various charities; and

8 WHEREAS, Gulf Coast Bank employees also facilitated fundraising for selected  
9 nonprofits including the Leukemia Cup Regatta; which raises money to increase awareness  
10 and research for leukemia by selling paper sailboats at all branch locations, with all proceeds  
11 going to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; and

12 WHEREAS, today, Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company has assets of more than 1.25  
13 billion dollars, and continues to grow and expand its services by offering customers  
14 advanced consumer products, commercial loans, small business loans, mortgages, wealth  
15 management, retirement planning, trust services, mobile banking, and more.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
17 does hereby commend Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company upon its twenty-fifth anniversary.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kim  
19 Carver, Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company Human Resource Director and Vice President  
20 of Government Relations.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

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