

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 185

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Zahir "Bo" Bolourchi upon his retirement, after forty-seven years of service with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

WHEREAS, Zahir "Bo" Bolourchi was born in Saveh, Iran, to Rogie and Davood Bolourchi on February 2, 1940, and was raised on the family orchard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bolourchi left a small town, south of Tehran, Iran, in 1960, bound for New York, New York, to begin his tertiary education; and

WHEREAS, before making a final decision where to attend college, his friends convinced him, on his twentieth birthday, to consider traveling to Lafayette, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, after more than a month of traveling from his hometown, Mr. Bolourchi found himself registering to begin his goal of attending college in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, he received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering, from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, then named the University of Southwestern Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, he moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and earned his Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bolourchi possesses licenses as a professional civil engineer, a professional land surveyor, and a professional environmental engineer; and

WHEREAS, he is a board member of the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation Commission, the State Ground Water Management Commission, and the Red River Compact Commission's Louisiana Engineering Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, among his numerous achievements and projects, Mr. Bolourchi recently completed oversight of the Poverty Point Reservoir and the Black Bear golf course projects; both projects have been added to the Louisiana state parks listing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bolourchi and his wife, Ruth, have made a warm and wonderful home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and they have one daughter, Chanel, who is married to Dr. Curtis Chastain, and they have four children, Katie, Curtis Jr., Ashley, and Julianne; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bolourchi's much deserved retirement will find him traveling and spending more time surrounded by his family.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Zahir "Bo" Bolourchi upon his retirement after forty-seven years of service with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Zahir "Bo" Bolourchi.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE