

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Cazenave Motor Company in Vacherie for one hundred years of continuous operation

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Cazenave Motor Company in Vacherie upon its one hundredth year of
3 continuous operation.

4 WHEREAS, the Cazenave Motor Company was conceived in 1915, when Woodrow
5 Wilson was president of the United States, Babe Ruth hit his first career home run, and the
6 British ocean liner Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine; and

7 WHEREAS, Etienne Victor Cazenave, Sr., answered a Ford Motor Company
8 newspaper ad seeking distributors for its Ford vehicles, and at the age of twenty-seven,
9 Mr. Cazenave started Cazenave Motor Company in a wooden one-car garage in Wallace
10 with three Model T Fords on consignment; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1925, Mr. Cazenave moved his business to an iconic, long-leaf pine
12 and red brick building he had built on River Road in Vacherie, and that building still stands;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Cazenave Motor Company is a family affair: Roland "Bud" Cazenave,
15 son of Etienne, earned a degree from LSU in business agriculture, was in the Army ROTC,
16 served with the 1st Armored Division at Anzio Beach Head in Africa and in Italy, and
17 worked for a bank before joining his father's business; and

18 WHEREAS, after attending Loyola University, Etienne Victor "E.V." Jr., joined the
19 company; in the early 1970s, a third generation of Cazenaves, Bud's son Jimmy and E.V.
20 Jr.'s sons Steven and Paul, began working in the family business, and several years ago,

1 Jimmy's son, Jody, and Steven's son, Brett, became the fourth generation of Cazenaves to
2 make their mark at Cazenave Motor Company; and

3 WHEREAS, three of four Cazenave sisters have worked in parts and bookkeeping
4 and another Cazenave grandson, Mackie Waguespack, greeted customers; and

5 WHEREAS, the longevity of the company is attributed to service and honesty by
6 long-time co-owner E.V. Jr., who at the age of eighty-seven still works each day; the
7 dealership has won the Ford Chairman's Award, the highest dealer award in the nation
8 several times, and proudly displays a letter from William Clay Ford, Jr., Ford Company's
9 executive chairman, heralding Cazenave Motor Company for one hundred years of
10 continuous family ownership and superior customer care.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Cazenave family for its contributions to
13 the community of Vacherie across one hundred years of operation of Cazenave Motor
14 Company and does hereby express best wishes for continued prosperity in the years to come.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
16 to E.V. Cazenave, Jr.

DIGEST

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