

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 142

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dan Borné, industry advocate, sports announcer, educator, and deacon, on his much deserved retirement.

WHEREAS, Dan Borné is retiring after twenty-seven years as president of the Louisiana Chemical Association (LCA), which represents the interests of sixty-six chemical manufacturing companies operating at over ninety locations in the state; and

WHEREAS, he is also president of the Louisiana Chemical Industry Alliance (LCIA), a partnership of Louisiana's chemical plants, their suppliers, contractors, and vendors, with over six hundred members; and

WHEREAS, he serves as treasurer of the Louisiana Manufacturers Political Action Committee (LAMP), a registered state political action committee that provides contributions to those who support job growth in the state of Louisiana's chemical industry; and

WHEREAS, he also works with the Louisiana Foundation for Excellence in Science, Technology and Education (LaFESTE), which is a 501(c)(3) organization that was founded

in order to expand philanthropic activities that promote excellence in science, technology, and education by supporting education and research projects that enhance the economy of Louisiana; this foundation has a keen interest in matters that affect the economic viability of LCA and LCIA members; and

WHEREAS, he has served in various public roles during the past five decades; a history major who finished first in his 1968 class at Nicholls State University, where he was also student body president, he has worked in broadcasting, federal and state politics, industry, higher education, sports, and most recently, the Catholic church, often working several of the roles simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, his family tree was planted in Terrebonne Parish; he descended from continental French and was led by a praying mama who taught him to be committed to his faith and a dad who taught him to be faithful to his commitments; and

WHEREAS, his mother preferred the preaching at the historically African-American church in Thibodaux, Louisiana, to the predominately white cathedral downtown, with lifelong consequences for her middle son; a young girl's family also bypassed the cathedral to attend that same church on Bourbon Street, and on Sundays, that little girl sat directly in young Danny's line of sight; he and that girl, Lisette, have been married for forty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, another lifelong love affair began in his childhood when his aunt invited him and his cousins to an LSU football game; although his ticket cost fifty cents, watching the fog roll in from the river as the players took the field was priceless to him; it was ethereal, sublime, and he was hooked; and

WHEREAS, after going out for the high school football team, the coach got frustrated that Borné called "fair catch" every time he caught a ball in practice and asked him to keep the stats instead; the town editor coaxed him into using his raw data for stories that told the score and how it got that way; he learned the lesson well, and after college, jobs came toward him in rapid succession; and

WHEREAS, a stint at WAFB-TV, where he added an *accent aigu* to his surname and assumed the two-syllable pronunciation he uses today, gave way to a short teaching job at Nicholls State University from which he was lured to Washington, D.C., where he worked

for United States senators Allen Ellender, Elaine Edwards, and Russell Long, before being lured back home to work for Governor Edwin Edwards; and

WHEREAS, communication is key to managing each of his seemingly disparate roles, whether recounting fake field goal attempts in Tiger Stadium, unpacking a Gospel message in a homily, or facilitating understanding between the public and its perception of the sprawling plants that spew smoke along the Mississippi River, Borné uses colorful yet concise words, and when he says the LCA helps the blind see and the deaf hear, he isn't just blowing smoke; he follows up with descriptions and explains that the people at those plants make things that make all our lives easier, extend our life spans, and save millions of people from infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, his ability to connect with people, being knowledgeable on his topics and able to clearly and concisely convey the truth, has made Dan Borné great at his job; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of men like Dan Borné who spend their talents, time, and energy positively impacting the world around them.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Dan Borné on the occasion of his retirement and wishes him much success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dan Borné.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES