

1 WHEREAS, prior to his position with the chamber, he held an executive position at
2 Central and Southwest Corporation, an electric power conglomerate headquartered in Texas
3 and he also served as president and CEO of Southwestern Electric Power Company
4 (SWEPCO); and

5 WHEREAS, in 1990, Bremer began his affiliation with the Greater Shreveport
6 Chamber of Commerce, serving three years on the board of directors before becoming
7 chairman of the board for one year in 1994; he became president in 2000, and remained in
8 that executive position until his retirement this year, 2016, with a cumulative service record
9 of twenty-six years with the chamber; and

10 WHEREAS, from the beginning, Dick Bremer foresaw tremendous growth potential
11 within the region's economic infrastructure fueled by meaningful exchange between business
12 leaders, local, state, and federal governments, educational institutions, and workforce
13 development; and the key element in this formula for success was the energetic stimulus
14 supplied by the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce; and

15 WHEREAS, during his sixteen years as president, a major accomplishment for the
16 chamber was its five-star accreditation sanctioned by the United States Chamber of
17 Commerce, which is an acknowledgment of excellence in strategic planning and
18 extraordinary contributions made to create a positive change within the community; and

19 WHEREAS, Dick is married to his wife of forty-six years, Mary, and together their
20 union has been blessed with two daughters, Christine Lipscomb and Rose Smith; and

21 WHEREAS, with retirement the Bremers looks forward to leisure time spent in
22 pursuit of their shared interests that include hiking, golf, and alpine experiences in the
23 Colorado Rockies; and

24 WHEREAS, Dick Bremer is a consummate professional who leads by example and
25 leaves an indelible mark on all facets of the economic network that integrates Caddo Parish,
26 Northwest Louisiana, and the Ark-La-Tex region with the markets in a global economy.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 commend Richard "Dick" Bremer, president of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of
29 Commerce, for his years of dedicated service to the business community.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

1 congratulate Dick Bremer upon the occasion of his well-deserved retirement and wish for
2 him much success in all future endeavors.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
4 Richard "Dick" Bremer.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

DIGEST

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Congratulates Richard "Dick" Bremer, president of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of
Commerce on his well-deserved retirement.