

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

BY SENATORS THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Mayther "Ray" Young on his induction into the 2017 Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction and to recognize him for his outstanding contributions to the agricultural community in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Radio Network, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Louisiana Farm Bureau, and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry recognize outstanding service and leadership in agriculture, forestry, and agribusiness through the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, the nominees for the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction undergo a rigorous review process and selection by a panel of esteemed agricultural leaders; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2017, Mayther "Ray" Young was inducted into the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, he is a certified crop consultant with a lifelong career in farming and helping farmers throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, his family produces a variety of crops including cotton, soybeans, sweet potatoes, corn, vegetables, pine trees, and cattle; and

WHEREAS, he is an inspiration to his fellow citizens for the vital contributions he has made to the agriculture, forestry, and agribusiness communities, including pioneering "no-till" technology used on farms throughout Louisiana and the South; and

WHEREAS, he merits the highest commendation for his exemplary public service to our state and country including serving as a pilot in the Navy, as Mayor of Wisner, Louisiana, and as a board member and chairman of Louisiana Land Bank; and

WHEREAS, he has received numerous distinguished awards including the Louisiana State Conservation Award, the 4-H Silver Clover Award, the Life-Long Producer Award, Progressive Farmer Magazine's Man of the Year in Service to Agriculture, Louisiana State University Alumnus of the Year in Agriculture, and National Consultant of the Year by *Cotton Farming Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, the success of the agriculture industry and the strength of our communities depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of people like Mayther "Ray" Young who use their considerable talents and Louisiana's rich resources to promote and preserve agriculture for future generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mayther "Ray" Young on his induction into the 2017 Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Distinction and recognize him for his outstanding contributions to the agricultural community in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mayther "Ray" Young.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE