

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

COMMENDATIONS: Posthumously commends Michael "Gro'-Mike" Francis Neck upon the dedication of Mike Neck Studios in his honor

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To posthumously commend Michael "Gro'-Mike" Francis Neck, a long-time on-air
3 personality on KAPB radio station in Marksville, Louisiana, upon the dedication of
4 Mike Neck Studios in his honor.

5 WHEREAS, Michael Francis Neck graduated with honors from Marksville High
6 School in 1965; he went on to attend Louisiana State University - Alexandria and Louisiana
7 College; and

8 WHEREAS, Michael Neck served on the Marksville City Council and was the
9 Marksville police chief from 1973 to 1979; at the time, he was the youngest police chief in
10 the United States; he retired from the office of the state fire marshal as an arson investigator;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, ever active in service to the community, he was a member of the
13 Jaycees, Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, Municipal Police Officers Association,
14 Magnolia State Peace Officers Association, Louisiana Criminal Intelligence Organization
15 (Kisatchie-Delta Region), International Chiefs of Police Association, and National Narcotics
16 Officers Association; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Neck was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the
18 Belledeau Knights of Columbus; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Neck began working at KAPB radio at the age of sixteen while still
20 attending high school; known to his listeners as "Gro'-Mike", Mr. Neck was an on-air

1 personality and sales associate for KAPB radio station in Marksville for fifty-four years,
2 where he delivered the daily news in French and was the voice of "Gator Bites"; and

3 WHEREAS, KAPB was originally known as KWLB; in 1987, the call letters were
4 changed to KAPB, which stands for "Know Avoyelles Parish Better"; and

5 WHEREAS, 97.7 "The Cajun" KAPB-FM plays country classics, swamp pop,
6 zydeco, and cajun music and covers local high school sports, news, and weather; the station's
7 "Swap Shop" program, formerly known as "The Trading Post", invites listeners to call in and
8 sell, swap, and give away items; and

9 WHEREAS, Michael Francis Neck passed away on December 1, 2017, at the age of
10 seventy, and in honor of Mr. Neck's legacy at the station, the KAPB studios in Marksville
11 are being renamed Mike Neck Studios; this is a fitting honor for a man who contributed so
12 much to the radio listeners of Marksville and the people of Avoyelles Parish.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby posthumously commend Michael "Gro'-Mike" Francis
15 Neck for his exemplary service to his community as KAPB radio station celebrates his
16 legacy and remembers his singular contributions through the dedication of Mike Neck
17 Studios in his honor and does hereby add its voice to those honoring this outstanding public
18 servant.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
20 to KAPB-FM.

DIGEST

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