

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Neck began working at KAPB radio at the age of sixteen while still attending high school; known to his listeners as "Gro'-Mike", Mr. Neck was an on-air personality and sales associate for KAPB radio station in Marksville for fifty-four years, where he delivered the daily news in French and was the voice of "Gator Bites"; and

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES