

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY SENATOR JOHN SMITH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mayor Freddie Boswell of New Llano, Louisiana upon his retirement, having served as mayor for twenty years.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Mayor Freddie Boswell of New Llano, Louisiana, upon his retirement, having  
3 served as mayor for twenty years.

4 WHEREAS, Freddie Boswell, mayor of New Llano, Louisiana, was born in  
5 Natchitoches, Louisiana, and moved with his family to New Llano in 1948; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1982 Freddie married Sue Barrington to whom he was married for  
7 twenty-seven years, until her death in 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Boswell is the father of one daughter, two sons, and one stepson,  
9 and he has recently celebrated the fourth anniversary of his marriage to Willie Dell; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Boswell is a member of the First United Pentecostal Church of  
11 Leesville, has worked in construction and the electrical business for nearly twenty years, and  
12 is a retired bus driver following twenty-two years of service in that capacity; and

13 WHEREAS, Freddie Boswell served as alderman in New Llano for sixteen years  
14 before being elected mayor and taking office on July 1, 1998, and has served continually  
15 since that date; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor Boswell has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life in  
17 New Llano and among the accomplishments of the mayor and town council of which he is  
18 most proud are: a new city hall, establishment of a full-time paid fire department for the

1 town, establishment of a self-sufficient town water system, a city park and walking path, a  
2 dog park, a fire substation on Ida Stephens Road, transmitters on over half of all water  
3 meters, new water and sewer lines installed along Highway Seventy-One, new fire hydrants,  
4 and more than two square miles annexed into the municipal limits; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Freddie Boswell has worked to bring new businesses to New  
6 Llano and, for example, Bubba Que's, Chili's, and 171 Chrysler Dodge dealership have all  
7 been established in the town during his term as mayor; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Boswell is also very cognizant of the positive impact the  
9 proximity of Fort Polk has made upon the town, noting that nearly half of the homes owned  
10 in the town and nearby area are owned by active military personnel, retired veterans, or their  
11 dependents; and

12 WHEREAS, Mayor Boswell has worked closely with Fort Polk Progress, a regional  
13 community organization that maintains partnerships with decision makers in congress, at the  
14 Pentagon, and at the state and local levels to maintain the viability of Fort Polk as an integral  
15 part of America's defense, especially focusing on the Joint Readiness Training Center,  
16 located at Fort Polk, whose mission is to train brigade combat teams from around the country  
17 for war; and

18 WHEREAS, Fort Polk Progress is currently moving forward with an education  
19 initiative that will protect force structure and keep Fort Polk vibrant and thriving, focusing  
20 on education for military students as a top priority, all of which is critical to the future of the  
21 New Llano area, as Mayor Boswell has continually stressed to his community; and

22 WHEREAS, during his twenty years as mayor, Freddie Boswell has nurtured the  
23 relationship between the town and Fort Polk, always seeking cooperation while cognizant  
24 of the integral part the success of Fort Polk plays in the economy and quality of life in his  
25 beloved town of New Llano; and

26 WHEREAS, Mayor Freddie Boswell has brought considerable progress, both  
27 economic and cultural, to New Llano and its citizens and is proud of leaving a town more  
28 economically viable and significantly improved in its quality of life at the end of his twenty  
29 years of service as mayor of this delightful town in Western Louisiana.

30 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

1 does hereby commend Mayor Freddie Boswell of New Llano, Louisiana, upon his  
2 retirement, having served as mayor for twenty years.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
4 Mayor Freddie Boswell of New Llano, Louisiana.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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