

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY SENATOR JOHN SMITH

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mayor Boswell has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life in New Llano and among the accomplishments of the mayor and town council of which he is most proud are: a new city hall, establishment of a full-time paid fire department for the town, establishment of a self-sufficient town water system, a city park and walking path, a dog park, a fire substation on Ida Stephens Road, transmitters on over half of all water meters, new water and sewer lines installed along Highway Seventy-One, new fire hydrants, and more than two square miles annexed into the municipal limits; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mayor Freddie Boswell of New Llano, Louisiana, upon his retirement, having served as mayor for twenty years.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE