

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Representative Terry C. Landry Sr. on receiving the Living Legend Award from the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce at its 19th Annual Trailblazer & Scholarship Gala.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Representative Terry C. Landry Sr. on receiving the Living Legend Award
3 from the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce at its 19th
4 Annual Trailblazer & Scholarship Gala.

5 WHEREAS, the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce
6 (GSLBCC) is an organization structured to economically empower and sustain
7 African-American communities through entrepreneurship and capitalistic activity within the
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, it envisions a community of friendly, interdependent relationships with
10 diverse cultural, economic, and educational opportunities to create an unparalleled quality
11 of life; and

12 WHEREAS, the GSLBCC serves the parishes of Acadia, Allen, Assumption,
13 Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche,
14 St. James, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Terrebonne, and Vermilion; and

15 WHEREAS, it is a nonprofit organization based in Lafayette, Louisiana, organized
16 to advance and protect the general welfare and prosperity of African-American owned
17 businesses throughout southwest Louisiana; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Terry C. Landry Sr. was presented the Living Legend

1 Award at the GSLBCC 19th Annual Trailblazer & Scholarship Gala on May 3, 2019, at the
2 Cajundome Convention Center in Lafayette, Louisiana; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Landry is a native of New Iberia, Louisiana, and has
4 dedicated his life to serving and protecting his community, state, and country; and

5 WHEREAS, he proudly joined and served his country in the United States Army and
6 is a Vietnam Veteran; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Landry was accepted into the Louisiana State Police
8 Academy in 1977 and served in various positions, including commander of the Crime
9 Laboratory, Investigative Support Section, Gaming Enforcement Division, and Protective
10 Services; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1977, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and also served as
12 Chief of Staff, Deputy Superintendent of Support, and Deputy Superintendent of Patrol; and

13 WHEREAS, in the summer of 2000, history was made with the appointment of
14 Colonel Landry as the first African-American superintendent of the Louisiana State Police;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, during his career, Representative Landry completed several law
17 enforcement schools including the Louisiana State Police Training Academy and the 176th
18 session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy; and

19 WHEREAS, he served in a supervisory role over several major events which
20 received national attention, including the serial killer investigation in the Baton Rouge area
21 which resulted in the arrest and conviction of Derrick Todd Lee, the recovery of the Space
22 Shuttle Discovery crash, the first Super Bowl held after the September 11th attack, and
23 statewide events such as the Sugar Bowl and the Bayou Classic; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Landry has always been active in communities,
25 volunteering in many capacities to support the missions of various community service
26 groups and organizations; and

27 WHEREAS, on November 19, 2011, Representative Landry was elected to the
28 Louisiana House of Representatives as the first legislator to the newly created House District
29 96 serving the parishes of Iberia, St. Martin, and Lafayette; and

30 WHEREAS, he is a strong advocate for public education, affordable healthcare,

1 medicaid expansion, responsible gun control, fair sentencing, and prison reform; and

2 WHEREAS, due to his strong advocacy for criminal justice reform, he was appointed
3 to serve on the Justice Reinvestment Task Force during the 2017 legislative year; and

4 WHEREAS, the task force researched and compiled evidence-based information on
5 programs to reduce the state's highest-in-the-nation incarceration rate and reinvest that
6 savings into rehabilitation programs, resulting in the passage of historic legislation to reform
7 Louisiana's criminal justice system; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to serving as chairman of the House Committee on
9 Transportation, Highways and Public Works, Representative Landry is also a member of the
10 Atchafalaya Basin Program Oversight Committee, the Joint Legislative Committee on
11 Capital Outlay, the Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Governor's
12 Justice Reinvestment Implementation Oversight Council; and

13 WHEREAS, he is also a member of the Acadiana Delegation, the Democratic
14 Caucus, the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, and the Louisiana Rural Caucus; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Terry C. Landry Sr. merits the highest commendation
16 and sincere congratulations on being selected to receive the Living Legend Award from the
17 Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce, and for his outstanding contributions
18 to the state of Louisiana and its citizens.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20 does hereby commend and congratulate Representative Terry C. Landry Sr. on receiving the
21 Living Legend Award from the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce,
22 does hereby recognize and record for posterity his vital contributions and tireless dedication
23 to the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success
24 and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Representative Terry C. Landry Sr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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