

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 174

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Neil Riser on his service in the Senate.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Honorable Neil Riser, Louisiana State Senator, for his years of exemplary
3 public service in the Louisiana Legislature and to express appreciation for his many
4 contributions made on behalf of the constituents of his district and the state of
5 Louisiana, and to offer the best wishes of his fellow senators as he departs from the
6 Senate and pursues his next adventure.

7 WHEREAS, Senator Riser is well-known in the legislature and throughout Louisiana
8 for his faithful and diligent efforts to protect our constitutional rights and freedoms,
9 including our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms and our First Amendment
10 rights to freedom of speech and freedom of religious liberty; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Riser is a graduate of Caldwell Parish High School in 1980 and
12 received a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Northeast Louisiana
13 University in 1984; and

14 WHEREAS, Neil learned the value of hard work as a child while he was employed
15 in the timber and logging industry, beginning at the age of fourteen; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Riser was elected as the senator for Senate District 32 the first
17 time in 2008, was reelected without opposition in 2012, and was again reelected without
18 opposition in 2016; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Riser has extensive business experience and currently serves
2 as the president and owner of the Riser Funeral Homes located in Caldwell and Lasalle
3 parishes, currently serves as a board member of the Caldwell Bank and Trust Company, and
4 has previously served as the president of the Pelican State Life Insurance Company; and

5 WHEREAS, he is happily married to Vicki Smith Riser, a native of Franklin Parish
6 and former teacher at River Oaks High School in Monroe, who currently manages Riser
7 Funeral Homes; and

8 WHEREAS, Neil and Vicki are the proud parents of two daughters, Emilie and
9 Allison; and

10 WHEREAS, during his career in the Louisiana Senate, Senator Riser has served as
11 the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations and the Chairman
12 of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Riser has been the deserving recipient of awards and honors
14 throughout the course of his exemplary service as legislator, including his receipt of the 2013
15 National Rifle Association's Defender of Freedom Award and the Legislative Excellence
16 Award from the Louisiana Shooting Association; and

17 WHEREAS, he was also a proud recipient of the Outstanding Family Advocate
18 Award from the Louisiana Family Forum numerous times over his years of legislative
19 service in the Louisiana Senate; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Riser was given the Senator of the Year Award from the
21 Louisiana Orthopedic Association in 2009; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2008, Neil was honored to give the commencement speech at his
23 alma mater, the University of Louisiana at Monroe (formerly Northeast Louisiana
24 University); and

25 WHEREAS, the good works of Senator Riser in protecting our constitutional
26 freedoms will be realized for future generations to come; and

27 WHEREAS, as he prepares for the next productive chapter of his life, the Senate is
28 confident that Neil Riser and the Riser family will continue to have a positive effect on their
29 community and their state for many years to come.

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

