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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 184

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Senator Gerald Long for his years of service to the citizens of the state of Louisiana while a member of the Louisiana Senate and the President Pro Tempore.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Senator Gerald Long for his years of service to the citizens of the state of
3	Louisiana while a member of the Louisiana Senate and the President Pro Tempore.
4	WHEREAS, it is with enduring gratitude that Senate President Pro Tempore Gerald
5	Long is commended for his stellar contributions to his constituents in the parishes of Grant,
6	Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, and Winn, and to the citizens of the state of
7	Louisiana; and
8	WHEREAS, Senator Long is a lifelong resident of Louisiana, having been reared in
9	Winn Parish; and
10	WHEREAS, he graduated from Winnfield High School in 1962, and in 1966, he
11	graduated from Northwestern State University; and
12	WHEREAS, while a senior at Northwestern State University, he met a beautiful
13	freshman, Rose Marie Landry, who would become the love of his life; Gerald and Rose
14	married in 1966, and that was the beginning of a love affair and partnership that would last
15	50 years until her death in 2017; and
16	WHEREAS, they reared three loving and caring children, Andrea Long Phillips, Pam
17	Long Jordan, and Richard Long; nine grandsons, and one granddaughter; Senator Long and
18	Mrs. Rose passed down a love of God, as shown by their life and love, to their children and

1 grandchildren; and 2 WHEREAS, since the death of his wife, he has remarried Valerie Aymond Long; and 3 WHEREAS, after graduating from Northwestern State University with a bachelor's 4 degree in education with a minor in English, he taught at Houma Junior High School and Leesville High School; and 5 WHEREAS, after teaching for a few years, he started a career in the insurance 6 7 business and eventually he retired in 1999 as an insurance agent for State Farm Insurance 8 Company; and 9 WHEREAS, Senator Long earned the distinction of being a lifetime member of the 10 State Farm President's Club which is earned by fewer than two percent of insurance agents 11 nationally; and 12 WHEREAS, while an insurance agent and after he retired, Senator Long mentored 13 numerous college students, coaches, and high school and middle school students in the 14 Natchitoches area through his involvement with Fellowship of Christian Athletes for over 15 eighteen years; and 16 WHEREAS, Senator Long is a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Natchitoches and because of his sincere and passionate belief in God, he is willing to witness 17 18 to anyone about his faith; and 19 WHEREAS, Senator Long is a descendant of the Long family political dynasty in the state of Louisiana, and in that tradition, he ran for office in 2007, and was elected senator 20 for District 31 beginning in 2008; and 21 WHEREAS, he has served on numerous boards and commissions such as the 22 23 Louisiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, the Legislative Advisory Council for 24 the Southern Regional Education Board, the Louisiana Rural Caucus, the Northwestern State 25 University Athletic Board of Directors, and the Ark-La-Tex Investment and Development Corporation; and 26 27 WHEREAS, he served on numerous legislative committees such as Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development; Education; Finance; Insurance; Retirement; 28

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs; Transportation, Highways and Public Works; and the Joint

Legislative Committee on the Budget; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Long was the chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources from 2012 through 2016, and as the chairman, he advocated for water resources management by passing legislation that changed the membership of the Water Resources Commission and the Water Management Advisory Task Force, and that would continue the development of a statewide water resource management plan; and

WHEREAS, beginning with his legislative term in 2016, he was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one of his main duties as President Pro Tempore is to schedule religious leaders to open each legislative day with a prayer, and he looks forward to and enjoys visiting with every religious leader; and

WHEREAS, when his term as senator for District 31 comes to an end, Senator Long will enjoy his days fishing for crappie, watching Northwestern State University sports, cheering on his grandchildren in whatever sport they are playing, and on rare occasions, shelling pecans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Senator Gerald Long and express sincere gratitude for his service to his constituents in the parishes of Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, and Winn, and to the citizens of the state of Louisiana during his tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana Senate and as President Pro Tempore, and hereby extends to him the best wishes of his friends and colleagues for continued prosperity and success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Senator Gerald Long, President Pro Tempore.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

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