

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 186

BY SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Michael A. Walsworth on twenty-four years of distinguished public service in the Legislature of Louisiana and to express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions made on behalf of the constituents of the parishes of Ouachita, Claiborne, Lincoln, Morehouse, Union, and West Carroll and the state of Louisiana, particularly his tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana State Senate representing District No. 33 and the Louisiana House of Representatives representing District No. 15.

WHEREAS, Michael A. Walsworth is a public servant whose excellence as a state legislator has merited his consistent reelection to office since 1995, during which time he has fully used every opportunity to serve the citizens of his district and the state in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Northeast Louisiana, Senator Walsworth is a graduate of West Monroe High School and Northeast Louisiana University; and

WHEREAS, a former warehouse manager for the Ouachita Coca-Cola Bottling Company and currently self-employed in real estate interests, Senator Walsworth has been a proud member of the Louisiana Republican Legislative Delegation and the Louisiana Rural Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Senator Walsworth is known for his broad smile, even-tempered

approach to legislating, and expert skills on the basketball court during the HoopLa charity basketball tournament; and

WHEREAS, from 1996 until 2008, Michael A. Walsworth represented District No. 15 in the Louisiana House of Representatives and served with great diligence as vice chairman of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure and as a member of the House Committee on Commerce, the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, the House Committee on Insurance, the House Committee on Judiciary, and the House Committee on Retirement; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, Michael A. Walsworth has represented District No. 33 in the Louisiana Senate and garnered committee assignments as chairman of the Environmental Quality Committee, chairman of the Legislative Audit Advisory Council, vice chairman of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, and as a member of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security, Senate Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Finance, Senate Committee on Insurance, Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, Legislative Budgetary Control Council, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the legislature, Senator Walsworth has worked on many important pieces of legislation, including legislation related to business issues, teacher pay raises, councils on aging, homeland security and emergency preparedness, environmental issues, Louisiana's public schools, community and technical colleges, early childhood learning centers, and a broad range of issues affecting his district in Northeast Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Senator Walsworth has been the deserving recipient of copious honors and awards throughout the course of his exemplary career that are too numerous to count, including the Louisiana Family Forum Life and Liberty Award and Outstanding Family Advocate Award, the Legislator Leadership Award, and the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians Legislator of the Year; however, his greatest accomplishments have been championing legislation and making a positive impact in the lives of so many citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, his professional, civic, and philanthropic affiliations have included the American Heart Association, the Greater Ouachita Lions Club, the West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Ouachita, Leadership Louisiana, the Civitan Club, Ducks Unlimited, the United Way, and the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, Senator Walsworth is an active member of the Jackson Street Church of Christ, where he serves as a song leader; and

WHEREAS, Senator Walsworth celebrates his long career in public service with his daughter Lindsay, son Corbin, and three grandchildren Connor, Oliver, and Rachel; and

WHEREAS, as he prepares to begin the next exciting and productive chapter of his life, Senator Walsworth merits a sincere measure of commendation for his singular contributions and the exemplary strides he has taken as an exceptional member of the Legislature of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends the Honorable Michael A. Walsworth for twenty-four years of invaluable public service in the Legislature of Louisiana and expresses enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions made on behalf of the constituents of the parishes of Ouachita, Claiborne, Lincoln, Morehouse, Union, and West Carroll, and the state of Louisiana, particularly his tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana State Senate representing District No. 33 and the Louisiana House of Representatives representing District No. 15.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby expresses enduring gratitude to Senator Walsworth for his service to the citizens of Louisiana, as evidenced by his superlative achievements as a member of this distinguished body, and hereby extends to him the best wishes of all of his colleagues for continued prosperity and success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Michael A. Walsworth of Louisiana Senatorial District 33.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE