

2020 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY SENATORS LAMBERT AND WHITE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Honorable James R. "Jim" Fannin for his many years of public service.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Honorable James R. "Jim" Fannin upon a career of distinguished public  
3 service as a member of the Legislature of Louisiana and for his many outstanding  
4 contributions to the betterment of the state.

5 WHEREAS, Jim Fannin began his lengthy stint of public service with election to  
6 both the Jackson Parish Police Jury and the parish school board; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim Fannin has rendered exemplary service to his constituency during  
8 his sixteen-year tenure as an elected member of both houses of the Legislature of Louisiana,  
9 providing steadfast and effective representation for House of Representatives District 13,  
10 when first elected in 2003; then, after three terms, winning election to the Senate District 35  
11 seat in 2015; and serving this body with prestige and distinction for four years; and

12 WHEREAS, during his time in the legislature, he faithfully serviced the constituency  
13 of the parishes of Bienville, Lincoln, Jackson, Ouachita, Winn, Grant, and Rapides; and

14 WHEREAS, during his term in the House, Jim Fannin garnered house committee  
15 assignments and served as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee (2008-2016)  
16 and as chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (2010-2011 and 2014-  
17 2015), and he also served on the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture,  
18 and Rural Development, the House Committee on Education, the House Committee on

1 Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, the House Committee on Commerce, the  
2 House Committee on Natural Resources, the House Legislative Services Council, the  
3 Legislative Budgetary Control Council, the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay,  
4 and the State Bond Commission; and

5 WHEREAS, upon his subsequent election to the upper chamber, he was keen to bring  
6 his agribusiness background and fiscal insight to full measure with service on the standing  
7 committees of Finance, Senate and Governmental Affairs, Transportation, Highways and  
8 Public Works, and Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development as  
9 vice-chairman; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Fannin oversaw the state's funding and budgetary matters with  
11 resourceful aplomb with appointment to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and  
12 the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay; and

13 WHEREAS, he penned legislation to address the issues of taxation, state and local  
14 funding, farming interests, groundwater rights, uniform construction regulations, commercial  
15 regulations, and career education; and

16 WHEREAS, as a legislator, Jim Fannin has received copious awards from numerous  
17 organizations that include the Coordinating and Development Corporation, the North Delta  
18 Area Agency on Aging, the Louisiana Family Forum, the LSU Fire and Emergency Training  
19 Institute, Arcadia Gas Storage, Chesapeake Energy, the Louisiana Council on Aging, the  
20 Rural Hospital Coalition, the Louisiana Association of Public Health Advocates, the Monroe  
21 Chamber of Commerce, and Louisiana Right to Life; and he received the Gentleman of the  
22 House award from his peers in the House of Representatives in 2009; and

23 WHEREAS, many civic and nonprofit agencies have benefitted from his expertise  
24 and active participation which include the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association, Jackson Parish  
25 Cattlemen's Association, Jackson Parish Chamber of Commerce, and Jackson Parish Farm  
26 Bureau; and

27 WHEREAS, as a cattle rancher, Jim Fannin proudly maintains his stewardship of the  
28 land and a responsibility for its continued conservation and protection; he also holds a  
29 special affinity and respect for those individuals who choose an agricultural vocation as their  
30 livelihood; and

1           WHEREAS, his return to the private sector has afforded Jim Fannin the opportunity  
2 to spend more time with his wife of forty-seven years, Kitty Davis Fannin, their son Matt  
3 and daughter Marsha F. Crader, and a host of extended family and friends; to return to his  
4 business interests, and perhaps to pursue new hunting opportunities; and

5           WHEREAS, Senator Jim Fannin deserves our sincere commendation for the  
6 extraordinary strides he has taken to improve the fiscal functions of state government while  
7 serving as an exceptional member of the Legislature of Louisiana.

8           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
9 does hereby commend the Honorable James R. "Jim" Fannin upon a career of distinguished  
10 public service as a member of the Legislature of Louisiana and for his many outstanding  
11 contributions to the betterment of the state, does hereby express to him enduring appreciation  
12 for his distinguished service to the citizens of House of Representatives District 13 and  
13 Senate District 35, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his vital contributions and  
14 tireless dedication to the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for  
15 continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
17 Honorable James R. "Jim" Fannin.

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

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