

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Rhyn L. Duplechain on the occasion of his retirement after serving 34 years as St. Landry Parish Assessor.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Rhyn L. Duplechain upon the occasion of his retirement as
3 assessor of St. Landry Parish after nearly thirty-four years of dedicated service in the
4 assessor's office.

5 WHEREAS, Rhyn Duplechain has been honored and privileged to serve the citizens
6 of St. Landry Parish as assessor with unwavering dedication, extraordinary professionalism,
7 and true compassion; and

8 WHEREAS, he was first elected assessor on November 4, 1986, and from that day
9 forward sought to make things better for the office and the people of the parish; and

10 WHEREAS, the job of assessor is unique as every four years, assessors are required
11 to revalue all property for tax purposes, a process which is complicated and takes an
12 extended period to complete; and

13 WHEREAS, during his tenure as assessor, Rhyn Duplechain brought a broad range
14 of improvements, particularly, technological advancements to the office; and

15 WHEREAS, using modern technology and working within budget, Rhyn Duplechain
16 has made the office one of the leading assessor offices in the state; and

17 WHEREAS, through his leadership, the assessor's office offers several special
18 services including an online mapping system available to the public; and

1 WHEREAS, he has worked with homeowners, small business owners, farmers, and
2 cattlemen to help achieve the American Dream of owning property; and

3 WHEREAS, Rhyn Duplechain worked with corporations to promote economic
4 growth and a fair property tax system which encourages growth and brings more jobs to the
5 parish; and

6 WHEREAS, as a leader and president of the Louisiana Assessor's Association in
7 2000, he worked tirelessly to protect the homestead exemption and other tax breaks that
8 property owners enjoy today; and

9 WHEREAS, prior to becoming assessor, he worked in the private sector for over
10 twenty years with Florida Gas Company and Canal Refining Company which helped prepare
11 him for the job of assessor; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Louisiana National Guard on active duty for
13 six years; and

14 WHEREAS, Rhyn Duplechain served on the Opelousas City Council from June 1974
15 to November 1986, during which he was mayor pro tempore for two years; and

16 WHEREAS, he served on the Louisiana Technical College Foundation and the South
17 Louisiana Community College Foundation board of trustees for ten years, eight of those
18 years as president; and

19 WHEREAS, Duplechain was a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America, Troop
20 30, and is a member and past president of the Opelousas Kiwanis Club, American Legion
21 Post 45, the St. Landry Cattleman's Association, the St. Landry Parish Farm Bureau, the St.
22 Landry Catholic Church, and the Knights of Columbus; and

23 WHEREAS, the father of three children and grandfather of five, he was selected to
24 "Who's Who in the Business and Professional Citizens", the recipient of the Elks "Citizens
25 of the Year" in 2015, and was presented the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the members
26 of the Louisiana Assessors' Association in 2020; and

27 WHEREAS, an even-tempered, level-headed public servant, Rhyn gained a
28 reputation throughout his career as a man who was always concerned about the well-being
29 of the citizens of St. Landry Parish and his office co-workers; and

30 WHEREAS, though his talents and determination will no doubt be missed by all

1 those who had the honor of working with him, he will still be involved in his community as
2 St. Landry Parish moves forward economically and with the technology of our modern age;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Rhyn L. Duplechain's career clearly made a difference in the lives of
5 the people of St. Landry Parish and his service is sincerely appreciated.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
7 does hereby commend and congratulate Rhyn L. Duplechain upon the occasion of his
8 retirement as assessor of St. Landry Parish and best wishes are extended to him for many
9 happy and healthy years in retirement.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
11 Rhyn L. Duplechain.

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

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