

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVES HARRIS, FIRMENT, AND MIKE JOHNSON AND
SENATORS LUNEAU AND WOMACK

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Alexandria city councilman, Harry Silver, on his
retirement

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Alexandria city councilman, Harry Silver, on the occasion of his retirement.

3 WHEREAS, Harry Silver is a native of New Jersey; he began studying law at
4 Rutgers University but halted his studies in 1942 and enlisted in the United States Army Air
5 Forces; he was stationed at Esler Field in Pineville, and during this time, he met his future
6 wife and soulmate, Marilyn Levy, at the Jewish temple, Gemiluth Chassodim Synagogue,
7 in Alexandria; and

8 WHEREAS, after being discharged from the USAAF in 1946, Harry returned to New
9 Jersey and completed a juris doctorate degree from the School of Law at Rutgers University;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Silver settled in Central Louisiana and joined his wife's family's
12 retail business, Weiss and Goldring; preferring business to the practice of law, the Silvers
13 purchased the store in 1960; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Silver has long been an active and valued member of the
15 Alexandria community; for more than sixty-five years, he has volunteered and worked to
16 improve the city in many ways; he has served as chairman of the United Way Board, the
17 Rapides Regional Hospital Board, the Rapides Foundation, the Central Cities Development
18 Corporation, and the Alexandria Retail Merchants Association; his involvement spans across
19 countless other community organizations as well; and

1 WHEREAS, Harry Silver's love for the city of Alexandria motivated him to pursue
2 a seat on the Alexandria city council; he was first appointed to the council in 2005 and won
3 each subsequent election for the District 4 seat; and

4 WHEREAS, during his tenure on the council, he has served on numerous committees
5 including the finance, utility, public safety, property and zoning, and economic development
6 committees; prior to his retirement, he was believed to have been Louisiana's oldest active
7 city councilman, at ninety-nine years old; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Silver is a two-time recipient of the "Cenla-ian of the Year" award
9 presented by Cenla Focus; this award is reserved for select members of the Central Louisiana
10 community who exemplify noteworthy leadership qualities and whose works stand out in
11 the community; and

12 WHEREAS, Harry Silver is a most admired and valued citizen of Louisiana, and he
13 is most deserving of recognition for his inspiring sense of civic duty.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 commend Alexandria city councilman, Harry Silver, on the occasion of his retirement; does
16 hereby recognize Mr. Silver's many decades of incredible service to the city of Alexandria,
17 the Central Louisiana region, and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincere
18 hopes that he enjoy many years of well-earned relaxation as he retires from public office.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Harry
20 Silver.

DIGEST

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