

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends world champion carver Jett Brunet

2 To commend world champion carver Jett Brunet.

8 WHEREAS, Jett entered his first carving competition at the age of nine, the same
9 year that he began carving on his own; his talent was evident from a young age, as he won
10 two titles as the Most Outstanding Teenage Carver in the World; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Brunet also completed an unprecedented sweep of the podium
17 awards for open-level decorative floating duck carvings at the Ward World Championships
18 in 1989; he earned first, second, and third Best of Show awards with carvings of a gadwall,
19 pintail, and redhead; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Brunet was commissioned to create a featured carving for the 1991
2 Easton Waterfowl Festival and, under the advice of art collector Sandy Garfinkle, carved a
3 striking life-sized bald eagle that remains one of the most iconic works in his collection; and

4 WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious carving career, Mr. Brunet has received many
5 awards and honors; he won back-to-back Ward World Interpretive Wood Sculpture
6 Championships in 2018 and 2019 and fourteen-consecutive Best of Show awards in the
7 Floating Waterfowl Competition at major wildfowl shows throughout the country; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to his competitive carving, Mr. Brunet has been creating art
9 work for Ducks Unlimited since 1999, and he has created over 1.3 million reproductions of
10 his carvings to help conserve and benefit wetlands throughout the United States and Canada;
11 he and his works have also appeared in publications such as *Time* magazine, *National*
12 *Geographic* magazine, and the "National Geographic Explorer" television program; and

13 WHEREAS, today, Mr. Brunet focuses on carving interpretive works that adopt
14 traditional sculpting's emphasis on form and structure; he is a truly impressive artist whose
15 achievements bring great pride to the state of Louisiana and are worthy of the highest
16 recognition.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend world champion carver Jett Brunet; does
19 hereby recognize Mr. Brunet's waterfowl and birds of prey collections as sincere
20 interpretations of the natural beauty seen across Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincere
21 hopes that Mr. Brunet continue to create many beautiful works that inspire all Louisianians
22 to cherish the natural beauty of our home.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jett
24 Brunet.

DIGEST

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