

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 167

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend John Stringer on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize John Stringer, executive director of the Tensas Basin Levee District, and to commend him for dedicating more than four decades to minimizing the risks of floods in northeast Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stringer joined the Tensas Basin Levee district on August 1, 1976, after returning from the Vietnam War as a combat hero; he began as an administrative officer, and after eight years of service, he was named executive director in 1984; and

WHEREAS, the Tensas Basin Levee District covers the majority of northeast Louisiana and includes the Ouachita River and its tributaries; the district was founded in 1884 and is considered to be the oldest levee district in the state; and

WHEREAS, since taking the position of executive director, Mr. Stringer has witnessed some of the worst floods to affect northeast Louisiana; he also managed flood fight operations during the record flood in 1991 that measured 50.53' on the Monroe flood gauge; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his impressive career, Mr. Stringer has become a flood-control expert, and he is highly-regarded well beyond the borders of the Tensas Basin Levee District; additionally, he has witnessed dramatic improvements to flood control preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stringer retires from his position as executive director of the Tensas Basin Levee District on May 19, 2022; he leaves behind him an incredible legacy of dedication to the protection of northeast Louisiana from the devastating effects of floods; he is most deserving of the highest recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend John Stringer on the occasion of his retirement; does hereby further recognize Mr. Stringer for his integral role in protecting the lives of countless Louisianians through his work in flood control preparedness; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to enjoy good health and prosperity as he begins his well-earned life in retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to John Stringer.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES