

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 121

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend James Denver "Dennie" Williams for his years of service to CLECO and the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, James Denver "Dennie" Williams was born with a passion for politics; he received his early education in Alexandria, Louisiana, attending St. Rita Catholic School, North Bayou Rapides School, and Brame Jr. High School; he graduated from Pana High School in Pana, Illinois, and enrolled at Eastern Illinois University where he studied for one year; and

WHEREAS, during his brief collegiate career, Dennie campaigned for President Richard Nixon, Senator Charles Percy, and Governor Richard Ogilvie; from 1973 until 1975, he worked various jobs including delivery truck driver for Walker-Roemer Dairy; and

WHEREAS, Dennie met "Jock" Scott, a candidate for Louisiana state representative, at the St. Rita Church Fair in 1975; the following day, he applied to campaign for Jock, and after the victory, he served as Representative Scott's legislative assistant until 1984; and

WHEREAS, Dennie accepted a position as an investors relations specialist at CLECO in 1984; he was promoted to director of risk management and insurance claims, and he worked in that role until 1996; he semi-retired as a senior governmental service representative for CLECO in 2017, but he continued to serve the company as a consultant for another three years before fully retiring in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Dennie has shared thirty-one years of marriage to his wife, Patti, with whom he has two children, Zach and Sarah; he also has four grandchildren, Ben, Hudson, Elias, and Luella; and

WHEREAS, Dennie is a member of St. Rita Catholic Church and The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his incredible career.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend James Denver "Dennie" Williams for his years of service to CLECO and the state of Louisiana and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES