

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

BY SENATORS CATHEY, BARROW, BASS, CARTER, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY,
JACKSON-ANDREWS, MILLER, REESE AND SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Jim Harper for his accomplishments as president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau.

WHEREAS, Jim Harper is driven by a philosophy of servant leadership and being an advocate for the industry that feeds the world; and

WHEREAS, Jim was elected Louisiana Farm Bureau President in June 2020 and began his term in a difficult year at the height of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in February 2024, Jim announced that he will not seek reelection as president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau and, with this decision, he brings an end to four years at the helm of the organization and a total of twenty-five years of service on the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Jim previously served as first vice-president from 2003 to 2020 and was on the Louisiana Farm Bureau Board of Directors representing District IV from 1998 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Jim has served on various committees with the Louisiana Farm Bureau, as well as board positions in the American Sugarcane League, the Central Rice Growers Association, and the Rapides Parish Soil and Water District where he currently serves as chair; and

WHEREAS, Jim graduated high school from the Central Louisiana Academy and has a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness from Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, Jim has farmed for thirty-five years since graduating from LSU and says it's a deep love for agriculture that keeps him going; and

WHEREAS, Jim Harper currently farms sugarcane, rice, crawfish, and soybeans in

Rapides Parish with his brother, Ross Harper; and

WHEREAS, Jim lives in Cheneyville, Louisiana, with his wife Debbie, and together they have two children and five grandchildren.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jim Harper for his accomplishments as president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jim Harper.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES