

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 140

BY SENATOR WARD

COMMENDATIONS. Commends James Douglas Holden for his long and enduring achievements and remarkable contributions.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend James Douglas Holden for his long and enduring achievements and
3 remarkable contributions.

4 WHEREAS, James Douglas Holden has been married to the love of his life,
5 Henrietta Michelli, for seventy-one years; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Holden is the father to three wonderful sons and grandfather to
7 seven precious grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor in the United States Navy during
9 World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, he was a pilot for twenty years and earned his commercial pilot's license
11 although he never worked for a commercial airline; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Holden used his expertise in aviation to judge aircraft aerobatic
13 competitions throughout the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, he built and flew an experimental kit plane out of fiberglass; and

15 WHEREAS, throughout Mr. Holden's life and career, he designed and developed
16 many inventions, including an air injected pressure cooker used by Kentucky Fried Chicken
17 to cook chicken at a high temperature while injecting steam pressure which allowed chicken
18 to brown, stay moist and tender, and prevent it from burning at a high temperature; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Holden developed retention band ring type gas and oil burners and
2 designed the machine that used steam injection on women's nylon hosiery to hold its shape;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, he also developed ground level ignition for gas flares, as well as the
5 tubular air heater used to dry lumber in kilns; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Holden developed a metering device for filling containers with
7 semi-solid material and also developed a flange pack used to assemble the steel pipes on the
8 Alaska oil pipeline and is still used today; and

9 WHEREAS, he built furnaces which could anneal tubes used for toothpaste and fill
10 those tubes at one per second; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Holden developed an incineration process that burns plastic
12 insulation off of copper wires which allows the copper to be re-used; and

13 WHEREAS, he also developed the process, and furnished the steam boilers, used to
14 remove the unpleasant odor from soybeans; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Holden furnished the start-up boilers for nuclear power plants in
16 middle Tennessee and Paducah, Kentucky, and developed and built the ovens employed to
17 cook the drying agent used in oxygen tanks; and

18 WHEREAS, James Douglas Holden merits a special measure of commendation for
19 his numerous achievements and remarkable contributions, and for the tremendous pride that
20 he brings to his friends, family, and community.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby commend James Douglas Holden for his long and enduring achievements and
23 contributions and does hereby extend to him every good wish for continued success,
24 prosperity, and happiness in the future.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 James Douglas Holden.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

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