

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Ricky Rogers upon receipt of the Shreveport Optimist Club civic award, Mr. Shreveport.

WHEREAS, Ricky Rogers is to be commended for his outstanding community service and civic accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Optimist Club has recognized thirty-nine individuals as "Mr. Shreveport" since 1957; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Optimist Club has dedicated its energies to enhancing the character of young people and promoting community service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to youth; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Optimist Club recognizes Ricky Rogers, the general manager of East Ridge Country Club, as "Mr. Shreveport" at a banquet on April 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers was born on March 26, 1961, the third son of the Reverend Robert and Carolyn Rogers, who grew up in Rayville, Louisiana, and graduated from Louisiana Tech University; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Rogers has been a member of the Shreveport-Bossier community since 1985; and

WHEREAS, while becoming established in the business world, Ricky Rogers never lost sight of the importance of putting his family first and especially his wife, Melanie Stephens, a dedicated teacher at St. Paul's Day School; and

WHEREAS, the Rogers are very proud of their children's accomplishments; their daughter, Lauren, attends Georgetown University in pursuit of a masters degree in conflict resolution while their son, Stephens, attends the University of Central Florida, in pursuit of a masters degree in Business Administration and also a masters degree in Sports Management; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Rogers first became employed by Piccadilly Cafeterias in Shreveport in 1985, then worked in facilities in Temple, Texas, from 1988 until 1991; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 he became a sales representative for McLane Food Services in Longview, Texas; and

WHEREAS, in 1996 he was general manager for Porter's Cleaners; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Rogers then became general manager at Pierremont Oaks Tennis Club, and in 2007 he became the general manager of East Ridge Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Rogers holds membership in the following organizations: First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport, Multi-Denominational Men's Bible Study Club, United States Tennis Association, past president of the Northwest Louisiana Tennis Association, C. E. Byrd Foundation, Better Business Bureau, Shreveport/Bossier Executive Association and Louisiana Tech Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, with all the demands of work, family and devotional studies, Ricky Rogers has always made time to devote to the youth of the area, donating much of his spare time to Young Life, a Christian-based youth group; and

WHEREAS, from 2007 until 2008 Ricky Rogers was president of the Byrd Baseball Booster Club, performing a multitude of tasks that included fundraising event planner, parent/coach liaison, concessioner, and janitor; and

WHEREAS, he was captain of the tennis team that won a state championship; and

WHEREAS, from 2002 until 2005 he was a Shreveport Little League baseball coach where it was said that his time and energy spent on the field was nothing compared to the joy he received from teaching those young boys the fundamentals of the game; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Rogers has been a room helper and reader in kindergarten classes at Eden Gardens Elementary School and still provides food for special events; and

WHEREAS, he donates service for special events at Caddo Magnet Middle School and local high schools that include Loyola College Prep, St. Joseph's, St. Paul's and Captain Shreve High School; and

WHEREAS, Ricky donates time at Oakwood Home for Women, a recovery unit for those with addictive disorders; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Rogers has forged a solid foundation for life based upon faith,

education, community service, sports, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, Ricky has never asked for anything in return, for his reward, he believes, is found in the blessing of giving to others; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Rogers is recognized throughout his community for his ability to impact others in so many positive ways.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Ricky Rogers upon being named "Mr. Shreveport".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ricky Rogers.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE