

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY SENATOR GALLOT AND REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Tom Thompson on his retirement and for twenty years of meritorious and dedicated service as the chairman of Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1.

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 was created for the citizens of Lincoln Parish in 1991; and

WHEREAS, it was comprised of a group of dedicated citizens who volunteered their time and worked together as a team to assist others in times of trouble; and

WHEREAS, they were described as "neighbors helping neighbors" and it was the active volunteers who dedicated many hours annually to training and emergency response, and who are responsible for the successful creation of Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, Tom Thompson was one of those citizens; and

WHEREAS, he lived in Ruston for over twenty-five years and has been married to his wife, Margaret, for fifty-one years; and

WHEREAS, they have two sons, Douglas and Daniel; and

WHEREAS, as an active member of Temple Baptist Church, Mr. Thompson served as its deacon and as a Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 grew from a volunteer team of firefighters with minimum resources to a full-time department operating out of a building that is the official emergency operations center for Lincoln Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson has raised more than eight million dollars for the fire protection district during his twenty years at its helm; and

WHEREAS, he is one of the finest public servants in the history of Louisiana and a gentleman whose dedicated and highly productive service has forever changed Ruston and Lincoln Parish for the better; and

WHEREAS, the strength of Louisiana's communities and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon the intelligence and talent of people like Tom Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Tom Thompson will always remain an inspiration to his fellow citizens for the vital contributions he has made during his twenty years as the chairman of Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, and he merits the highest commendation and most sincere congratulations for his exemplary term of service and for the tremendous pride, honor, and joy that he brings to all who know him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tom Thompson upon his retirement as chairman of Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, hereby recognizes and records for posterity the deep and abiding appreciation of his fellow citizens for his exemplary term of public service and his friendship, and hereby extends to him best wishes for success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tom Thompson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES