SLS 15RS-590 **ORIGINAL**

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 175

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Senator Robert Adley for his years of distinguished public service.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend the Honorable Robert Roy Adley for his years as a statesman of the highest
3	caliber, for his excellent participation in the affairs of state and local government,
4	and his military service to his country.
5	WHEREAS, it is indeed appropriate to congratulate Senator Robert Adley for his
6	contributions made on behalf of constituents in the northwest parishes and for the betterment
7	of the state of Louisiana as a whole, particularly his commitment as a distinguished member
8	of the Louisiana State Senate representing District No. 36 and the Louisiana House of
9	Representatives representing District No. 8 for a total of twenty-nine years of exemplary
10	legislative service; and
11	WHEREAS, Robert Adley, a businessman in natural gas management, was first
12	engaged in political life with elections to the Bossier Parish Recreation Board, the Bossier
13	City Civil Service Board, and the Bossier City Council; and
14	WHEREAS, in 1979, when Robert Adley won election to House of Representatives
15	District No. 8, to represent Bossier Parish, his father shared a bit of sage advice, "When you
16	get to Baton Rouge, the only thing you take is my good name. Be sure to bring it home"; and
17	WHEREAS, Senator Adley has honored his father's wishes and sustained a legacy
18	of conservatism and fiscal reform that reflects those independent characteristics he inherited;

WHEREAS, while in the House of Representatives, Mr. Adley held membership on
the standing committees for Natural Resources, Commerce, Transportation, Highways, and
Public Works, and Health and Welfare, sharpened his skills as chairman of Appropriations,
and advanced legislation as the House Floor Leader for Governor Charles "Buddy" Roemer;
and
WHEREAS, after an unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign in 1995, Adley was
elected to Senate District No. 36 in a special election held to fill the unexpired term of friend
and former classmate, Foster Campbell; and
WHEREAS, since 2003, Robert Adley has aggressively represented the needs of the
district and remained accessible to his constituency in the district that encompasses all of
Bienville and Webster parishes and portions of Claiborne, Red River, and Bossier parishes;
and
WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Senate, he took particular interest in legislation
to address the issues of conservation, campaign finance disclosure, infrastructure funding,
water quality, aquatic weed eradication, economic development, vocational training, rural
health care funding, governmental ethics reform, and capital outlay; and
WHEREAS, he lent his expertise to Senate committees on Revenue and Fiscal
Affairs and Environmental Quality as vice chairman, Judiciary C and Transportation,
Highways, and Public Works as chairman, and made substantial contributions to Senate
select committees on Veterans Affairs as chairman and Vocational and Technical Education;
and
WHEREAS, Senator Adley paid close attention to the state fisc as an active member
of the Legislative Audit Advisory Council; and
WHEREAS, as a veteran of the United States Marine Corps who served his country
in the Vietnam War, Senator Adley was instrumental in creation of the Louisiana Veterans
Honor Medal, an award that is presented to Louisiana military personnel to recognize
veterans for their honorable military service and to thank the families of deceased veterans
for their sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, stated,

1	"Once a marine, always a marine!" and Senator Adley still upholds the motto of the corps,
2	Semper fidelis, always faithful, with a singular premise that no soldier should ever be
3	forgotten; and
4	WHEREAS, each year Senator Adley acknowledges the memory of those fallen
5	comrades-in-arms that served on active duty by authoring condolence memorials rendered
6	to the family of deceased military personnel recognizing the ultimate sacrifice made on
7	behalf of freedom and country; it is a fitting reminder of the warrior who perished but is not
8	forgotten; and
9	WHEREAS, in 2014, the Ark-La-Tex Chapter of the Military Officers Association
10	of America honored Senator Adley for his service and recognized his continued support of
11	veterans issues in the legislature; he is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
12	(VFW); and
13	WHEREAS, Senator Adley has been the deserving recipient of numerous honors and
14	awards throughout the course of an extraordinary career, and his professional, civic, and
15	business affiliations are many and include past president of the Louisiana Jaycees and a
16	member of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association; and
17	WHEREAS, in the Senate, Robert Adley is known as a tenacious fighter who stands
18	by his beliefs; he is a dragon-slayer in committee and a worthy opponent in any debate;
19	however, sensitive to the plight of others, he has a soft-hearted side as well that emerges to
20	address the rights of the underdog and those underserved by the legislative process; and
21	WHEREAS, he is a loving husband to Claudia Henagan Adley, and together they
22	have experienced a wonderful life story with many future chapters left to write as they return
23	to private life; and
24	WHEREAS, Senator Adley takes great pride in the success of his son, Brandon, a
25	doctor of veterinary medicine, yet carries a father's loss of a second son, Brice Cort Adley,
26	who predeceased him in 1988; and
27	WHEREAS, Robert Adley is a Christian of deep and abiding faith who acts as a Lay
28	Leader in the United Methodist Church of Benton and regularly attends and addresses the
29	Senators' Prayer Breakfast; and
30	WHEREAS, as he prepares to begin the next chapter of his life, Senator Adley

SLS 15RS-590 ORIGINAL
SR NO 175

deserves hardy commendation for the strides he has taken to improve state government as an exceptional member of the Louisiana State Senate and the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Robert Adley has earned the respect of his peers and the unceasing gratitude of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, in particular, the people of Bossier Parish and all of Northwest Louisiana, who have been enriched immeasurably by his good works; and

WHEREAS, in the Holy Bible, the scripture from Psalms, Chapter 19, Verse 14, reads, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."; Senator Robert Adley walks in faith, bears witness to the Lord's eternal grace, and gives thanks to his savior, Jesus Christ, for his many blessings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Robert R. Adley and does hereby extend honor and recognition for his many accomplishments, particularly his three decades of extraordinary service to the Legislature of Louisiana, which has been marked by his uncompromising actions to improve the welfare of the citizens of the state, and does hereby pay tribute to him for the generous and effective way in which he has dedicated his intelligence and energy to the service of his community, family, state, and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its hardiest congratulations to Senator Adley for his legislative service and that his colleagues convey best wishes for every success in his future pursuits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Robert Adley, distinguished legislator from Senatorial District 36.

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

DIGEST SR 175 Original 2015 Regular Session

Alario

Commends Senator Robert Adley on his years of distinguished public service.