

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;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, while in the House of Representatives, Mr. Adley held membership on
3 the standing committees for Natural Resources, Commerce, Transportation, Highways, and
4 Public Works, and Health and Welfare, sharpened his skills as chairman of Appropriations,
5 and advanced legislation as the House Floor Leader for Governor Charles "Buddy" Roemer;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, after an unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign in 1995, Adley was
8 elected to Senate District No. 36 in a special election held to fill the unexpired term of friend
9 and former classmate, Foster Campbell; and

10 WHEREAS, since 2003, Robert Adley has aggressively represented the needs of the
11 district and remained accessible to his constituency in the district that encompasses all of
12 Bienville and Webster parishes and portions of Claiborne, Red River, and Bossier parishes;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Senate, he took particular interest in legislation
15 to address the issues of conservation, campaign finance disclosure, infrastructure funding,
16 water quality, aquatic weed eradication, economic development, vocational training, rural
17 health care funding, governmental ethics reform, and capital outlay; and

18 WHEREAS, he lent his expertise to Senate committees on Revenue and Fiscal
19 Affairs and Environmental Quality as vice chairman, Judiciary C and Transportation,
20 Highways, and Public Works as chairman, and made substantial contributions to Senate
21 select committees on Veterans Affairs as chairman and Vocational and Technical Education;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Adley paid close attention to the state fisc as an active member
24 of the Legislative Audit Advisory Council; and

25 WHEREAS, as a veteran of the United States Marine Corps who served his country
26 in the Vietnam War, Senator Adley was instrumental in creation of the Louisiana Veterans
27 Honor Medal, an award that is presented to Louisiana military personnel to recognize
28 veterans for their honorable military service and to thank the families of deceased veterans
29 for their sacrifice; and

30 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

