

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Jimmy L. Anthony on his retirement from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Jimmy L. Anthony upon his retirement after over forty years of service with
3 the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and thank him for his long and committed
4 service to the state of Louisiana and its citizens.

5 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and honor that Jimmy Anthony is recognized for
6 his many years of committed and selfless service to the Department of Wildlife and
7 Fisheries; and

8 WHEREAS, Jimmy Anthony is a true North Louisianian, born and reared in Monroe,
9 Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, Jimmy is a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Monroe where
11 he received his Master of Science in Biology; and

12 WHEREAS, he is a loving, dedicated and devoted husband; he married the love of
13 his life, the lovely Connie Hampton Anthony and together they were blessed with two
14 wonderful children, Chris Anthony and Alyssa Anthony Walker and five cherished
15 grandchildren Victor, Alex, Sophie, Joey, and Juliette; and

16 WHEREAS, Jimmy always dreamed of following in the footsteps of his uncle who
17 worked for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as an enforcement agent from 1978
18 through 1992; and

1 WHEREAS, Jimmy started his career at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
2 on March 15, 1976, as a student worker, operating radios in the enforcement division's
3 Monroe office; and

4 WHEREAS, Jimmy served as a biologist within the fisheries division, a wildlife
5 specialist, and a wildlife management supervisor in the wildlife division; and

6 WHEREAS, in his capacity as biologist program manager for the department, he
7 directed biological programs statewide including forty wildlife management areas, seven
8 regional offices, and played an integral role in the department; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2008, Jimmy was appointed assistant secretary of the wildlife
10 division by the Honorable Bobby Jindal, Governor, serving in that position with honor and
11 pride until his retirement in March of 2016; and

12 WHEREAS, among his numerous accomplishments throughout his service, Jimmy
13 was directly responsible for the Wildlife Restoration Act Program, Wildlife Conservation
14 & Restoration Program, and the Mineral Exploration Program on state-owned lands; and

15 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in wildlife restoration projects, reforestation,
16 wetlands restoration, timber management, wood duck box and banding operations, and deer
17 herd evaluations; and

18 WHEREAS, he played a vital role in writing federal grants and oversaw the work to
19 ensure federal and state guidelines were met; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to the valuable work that he did as a biologist and
21 administrator for the department, Jimmy also represented the department, and served as a
22 member of numerous special committees and boards including the North American Bird
23 Conservation Initiative, the Arctic Goose Joint Venture, the Fish and Wildlife Trust Funds
24 Committee, Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society Reservoir Committee, and
25 the Atchafalaya Basin Program; and

26 WHEREAS, Jimmy's expertise was recognized around the country and he was, on
27 numerous occasions, requested to address members of the United States Congress
28 concerning issues related to the office of wildlife; and

29 WHEREAS, Jimmy has also served as an adjunct biology professor at Southeastern
30 Louisiana University, teaching classes on cell chemistry, genetics, evolution, species

1 diversity, and ecology to undergraduates; and

2 WHEREAS, Jimmy chaired numerous advisory and technical groups in his capacity
3 with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries including the Management Board of the
4 Association of Joint Ventures, the National Flyway Council, the Southern Regulations
5 Committee and Service Regulations Committee Consultant of the Mississippi Flyway
6 Council, the Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative within the Association of Fish and
7 Wildlife Agencies, the Region 4 Southeastern Coordinator on the Federal Assistance
8 Coordinators, and the Working Group subcommittee of the Wildlife Trust Funds Committee
9 of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; and

10 WHEREAS, Jimmy's strong work ethic, the use of good science, accurate
11 information, and technology in helping to carry out the agency's mission, he continually
12 looked for ways to improve how resources are managed to ensure their sustainability and
13 availability for all users now and in the future; and

14 WHEREAS, after a long and distinguished forty-year career with the Department of
15 Wildlife and Fisheries, Jimmy made it his life's work to manage, conserve, and promote wise
16 utilization of Louisiana's renewable fish and wildlife resources and their supporting habitats
17 through replenishment, protection, enhancement, research, development, and education for
18 the social and economic benefit of current and future generations; to provide opportunities
19 for knowledge of and use and enjoyment of these resources; and to promote a safe and
20 healthy environment for the users of the resources.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby commend Jimmy L. Anthony upon his retirement after forty years of service
23 with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and extend a special thank you to him for his
24 longtime service to the state of Louisiana and its citizens.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Jimmy L. Anthony.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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