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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY SENATORS GARY SMITH, ALLAIN, BROWN AND CHABERT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court Vernon Rodrigue on his retirement.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Vernon Rodrigue upon his retirement as the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court.
3	WHEREAS, Vernon Rodrigue served Lafourche Parish as an employee of the clerk
4	of court's office for over fifty years, beginning in 1960 and ending in 2016, including six
5	consecutive terms as clerk of court; and
6	WHEREAS, Vernon Rodrigue was born in Choupic, Louisiana, to Valentine and
7	Laura Landry Rodrigue and graduated from Thibodaux High School in 1960; and
8	WHEREAS, Mr. Rodrigue was married to Theresa Cherry Rodrigue for forty-seven
9	wonderful years and the couple was blessed with three sons Dean, Thomas, and Todd, and
10	five beautiful grandchildren; and
11	WHEREAS, Vernon began working at the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office
12	soon after graduating from high school in 1960, while his uncle Ambroise Landry was
13	serving as the Clerk; and
14	WHEREAS, Mr. Rodrigue began his employment with the Lafourche Parish Clerk
15	of Court's Office with the duty of making copies on a Photostat machine that took twenty
16	minutes to make a single copy, moving into receiving and filing documents and billing
17	before being named deputy clerk of court and minute clerk in 1968; and
18	WHEREAS, having served in many positions, in 1983, Vernon was appointed as the

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1	chief deputy clerk of court and served in that position until 1989, when he was put in charge
2	of the mortgage department; and
3	WHEREAS, after being elected clerk of court for Lafourche Parish in the fall of
4	1991, Mr. Rodrigue oversaw the civil and criminal departments, jury selections, elections,
5	land and mortgage records; and
6	WHEREAS, Mr. Rodrigue, as clerk of court, is celebrated for creating a pleasant
7	working environment for his employees and keeping committed to his mantra that he and
8	his staff's main objective was to serve the public, not themselves; and
9	WHEREAS, his greatest accomplishment as the clerk of court was to fully
10	computerize the office and coordinate the scanning of every land record back to 1808; and
11	WHEREAS, with his return to private life, Vernon will spend more time with his
12	family, continue to be an active member of the community he loves and served for so many
13	years, attending every fair, festival and function, and carry on his music career that is nearly
14	as long as his tenure at the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office.
15	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16	commend Vernon Rodrigue on his retirement following fifty-six years with the Lafourche
17	Parish Clerk of Court's Office, twenty-four of those years as the Lafourche Parish Clerk of
18	Court, and on his contributions and tireless service to the people of Lafourche Parish.
19	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr.
20	Vernon Rodrigue of Thibodaux.

Commends Vernon Rodrigue on his retirement.

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