

2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Sam Houston Jones upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Sam Houston Jones on his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and
3 Hall of Fame.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame was created by an act
5 of the Louisiana Legislature in 1987 as a state museum dedicated to the preservation of the
6 history of Louisiana politics; and

7 WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet was held on Saturday, March 12,
8 2016, at the Cajundome Convention Center in Lafayette; and

9 WHEREAS, Sam Houston Jones was honored as an inductee at the banquet; and

10 WHEREAS, he was born in Merryville in Beauregard Parish on July 15, 1897, and
11 proudly served in the United States Army during World War I, before returning home and
12 earning a law degree from Louisiana State University Law Center in Baton Rouge; and

13 WHEREAS, early in his career he practiced law in DeRidder and Lake Charles,
14 where he served as assistant district attorney for nine years, and in 1922 served as a delegate
15 to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention, and from 1925 to 1934 he served as an assistant
16 district attorney in the 14th Judicial District; and

17 WHEREAS, following a number of state political scandals, in 1940 he challenged
18 the incumbent governor Earl K. Long and won the election on a promise of honest

1 government; and

2 WHEREAS, his administration is credited with enacting civil service legislation,
3 establishing competitive bidding for state purchases, abolishing the practice of annual voter
4 registration, and for continuing policies that helped the state's citizens, including free lunches
5 for schoolchildren, equal pay for teachers, increased funding for state colleges, and aid to
6 the elderly, blind, and to indigent families, and is credited with creating the Public Affairs
7 Research Council; and

8 WHEREAS, his political legacy of honest and fair government and his efforts to help
9 all of Louisiana's citizens have earned him a place in the Louisiana Political Museum and
10 Hall of Fame.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 commend and congratulate Sam Houston Jones on being inducted into the Louisiana
13 Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
15 family of Sam Houston Jones.

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

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