

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMILEY AND LAMBERT AND SENATOR AMEDEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Wally Taillon of Gonzales for his outstanding accomplishments.

WHEREAS, born on November 27, 1945, Mr. Taillon is married to his beloved wife, Rita James Taillon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taillon is a devoted father to his two children, Darrin and Kellie, and has two grandchildren, Josh and Brandon, and one great-grandchild, John Paul; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taillon graduated from Gonzales High School and attended Baton Rouge Trade School, where he learned the trades of welding and ironworking; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taillon began his career working as a welder at Avondale Shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taillon returned to Gonzales and began working as an ironworker and maintenance worker for fifteen years at local plants throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taillon was later self-employed along with his brother at Taillon's Auto Parts for approximately ten years; and

WHEREAS, for the next fifteen years of his life, Mr. Taillon worked as an ironworker and maintenance worker at Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Plant in Gramercy, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taillon recently retired on March 5, 2010, after decades of highly productive service as an ironworker and welder; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional contributions, Mr. Taillon has also been highly involved with the Jambalaya Festival in Gonzales, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taillon began cooking in the Jambalaya Festival in 1980 and won the titles of World Champ and Champ of Champs in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taillon served with great distinction on the board for the tourist center for several years and was instrumental in moving the Jambalaya Festival back to Irma Boulevard after several meetings with former Gonzales Mayor Johnny Berthelot; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taillon has also served with unwavering dedication as the president of the Jambalaya Festival Association for the past ten years, and he still serves as a working president today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taillon merits a special measure of commendation for the tremendous honor and pride that he brings to his family, friends, and community, the city of Gonzales, and the state of Louisiana; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Wally Taillon of Gonzales for his outstanding accomplishments, does hereby congratulate him upon his retirement from Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Plant, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his singular contributions to the Jambalaya Festival Association, and does hereby extend best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Wally Taillon.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE