

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVES BISHOP AND GAROFALO AND SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Don Briggs upon the occasion of his retirement as president of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association after twenty-five years; for his extraordinary leadership in the advancement of the oil and gas industry in this state and beyond; for his rich legacy of representing the oil and gas industry to which he gave so much; for his incredible devotion to his adopted state; and to thank him for his many years of service to the oil and gas industry and the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Don is a native of Miami, Florida, born in 1940 to his mother Anna Mae and his father, Gifford, and spent his growing years in Florida where he graduated from Miami Senior High in 1959 whereupon he headed to Tallahassee and Florida State University on a football scholarship; and

WHEREAS, while a student at Florida State University, Don accepted what he thought was going to be a summer job on a drilling barge in Louisiana but instead the job turned into a permanent move to Louisiana where in 1964 he finished his bachelor's degree at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, not only did Don fall in love with Louisiana during his first summer here, he also developed an affection for and interest in the oil and gas industry in this state within which he has been actively involved for the past fifty-four years beginning with Owen Drilling Company while he was still attending USL; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from USL Don started Aztec Pipe and Supply which grew into a conglomerate called Aztec Corporation supplying the oil and gas industry with everything from pipes and pipeline supplies to drilling fluids, until Aztec was acquired by Newpark Resources; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Don transitioned from Aztec to serving as chairman of the board for the nascent Louisiana Association of Independent Producers and Royalty Owners (LAIPRO) and then created its replacement, the Louisiana Independent Oil and Gas Association (LIOGA) in 1992 beginning with only twelve members; and

WHEREAS, Don served as president of LIOGA from its creation with only twelve members through its growth into the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association (LOGA) acting as the industry's voice in Baton Rouge for over thirteen hundred members representing all sectors of the oil and gas industry including exploration, production, and service; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as president of LOGA, Don has served on numerous public boards and commissions including the Ground Water Management Advisory Task Force, the Governor's Environmental Task Force, the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Foundation, the Oyster Lease Damage Evaluation Board, the Oilfield Site Restoration Commission, the Senate Select Committee on Oil and Gas Permitting, and he was the representative of the oil and gas industry on numerous committees within the Department of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, Don also served his beloved oil and gas industry through service on the Energy Committee of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, where he also served on the board of directors in 2009; the Energy Council of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry; the Liaison Committee of the Independent Petroleum Association of America; the Executive Committee of Save Domestic Oil; numerous positions in the Petroleum Club of Lafayette, including president and board member; as a charter member of the Maritime Institute for Emergency Monitoring and Response; and on the Advisory Council of the Center for Petroleum Development at Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his lifetime contributions to the oil and gas industry and his many accomplishments for the industry, Don was selected as the 2017 LAGCOE Looney for the 2017 Louisiana Gulf Coast Oil Exposition (LAGCOE), considered to be one

of the world's premier oil and gas expositions "which has been fueling global energy solutions since 1955"; and

WHEREAS, Don has also been active in civic organizations throughout his life in Lafayette, including as a past board member of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership organization; a past board member of the Louisiana Resource Center for Educators; a life sponsor of Ducks Unlimited; a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church; and a past board member and fundraising chair for the Lafayette Outreach Center for Women and Children.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that Don Briggs be commended upon the occasion of his retirement as president of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association after twenty-five years; for his extraordinary leadership in the advancement of the oil and gas industry in this state and beyond; for his rich legacy of representing the oil and gas industry to which he gave so much; for his incredible devotion to his adopted state; and to thank him for his many years of service to the oil and gas industry and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Mr. Don Briggs.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE