

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE AND SENATOR HENSGENS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mayor Mark Piazza of Abbeville on the occasion of his retirement from civil service.

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Piazza has dedicated more than three decades of service to municipal government; he is a lifelong resident of Abbeville and the son of Paul and Felecie "Pete" Piazza; he and his siblings grew up in their family business, Piazza's Office Supply; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Piazza is a graduate of Vermilion Catholic High School and the University of Southwestern Louisiana; he met his wife, Suzanne Harrington Piazza, while in college, and they have two sons, Charles and Christopher; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Piazza served for twelve years on the Abbeville city council prior to his election as mayor in 2002; he dedicated a total of thirty-two years to public service; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career in public service, Mayor Piazza served on countless boards including the Municipal Employees' Retirement System and the Louisiana Municipal Association; he is also a member of the Abbeville Kiwanis Club and the Giant Omelette Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Piazza was instrumental in creating Lafitte Drive-in-Park, Keep Abbeville Beautiful, the Abbeville Main Street Program, Harmony Park, the Sam Guarino Blacksmith Shop Museum, the Military Hall of Fame Museum, the Abbeville Parks and Recreation Department, and the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission; he also played an instrumental role in establishing Sounds on the Square; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Piazza also served as chairman of the Vermilion Chamber and the Louisiana Cattle Festival Association, as parish director of Boy Scouts of America, and in many other civic leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Piazza facilitated numerous improvements to Abbeville's infrastructure throughout his tenure as mayor, including upgrading the Chris Crusta Airport Terminal and the city's drainage and utilities; he is most deserving of the highest recognition on the occasion of his retirement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mayor Mark Piazza of Abbeville on the occasion of his retirement from civil service and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper as he begins a new and productive phase in his life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE