

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Gregory L. Ernst upon his admirable service as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives and to express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions to District 94 and the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Gregory L. Ernst, former state representative from District No. 94, for his selfless contributions to the Louisiana House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ernst has had a distinguished career of public service and has spent much of his life serving his fellow citizens in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ernst was an intelligent and accomplished student, graduating *summa cum laude* from Jesuit High School and *cum laude* from Harvard College with a degree in Russian studies and completing his education with a degree from Tulane University Law School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ernst has demonstrated his commitment to public service over the years by working for many state and national public interest entities, such as the Louisiana Department of Justice, the Louisiana Mental Health Advocacy Service, and the National Law Center on Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Ernst was chosen to represent District 94 when Representative Nick Lorusso was called to active duty in the United States Armed Forces; Mr. Ernst thereby became the first individual to serve under the terms of Act No. 931 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature, whereby a legislator ordered to active duty in the armed forces for a period of one hundred eighty days or more submits a list of candidates to be his temporary successor to the presiding officer of his house; and

WHEREAS, as a candidate, Mr. Ernst received a unanimous vote of approval by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and a warm endorsement and final appointment from Speaker of the House, Jim Tucker; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a representative, Mr. Ernst served with quiet certitude and unflagging diligence on the House Committee on Criminal Justice, the House Committee on Civil Law, and the House Committee on Judiciary; he introduced legislation expanding aspects of the Louisiana Road Home Program, augmenting its capacity to facilitate regrowth and renewal in the state; he introduced changes to Military Department programs to improve the welfare and morale of members of the armed forces; and he championed public safety; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Ernst merits a special measure of commendation for his upstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of District 94 and to the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Gregory L. Ernst on his outstanding accomplishments as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives and a devoted public servant and does hereby recognize that his unwavering commitment to the ideals of democratic government and the generous and effective way in which he has dedicated his intelligence and his energy to the service of his family, friends, community, and state will not soon be forgotten.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby expresses its enduring gratitude to Mr. Ernst for his friendship, his genuine good will, and his uncompromising dedication to making Louisiana a better place to live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Gregory L. Ernst.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES