

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 139

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. Richard Michel upon his retirement as mayor of Marksville

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Richard Michel upon his retirement as the longtime mayor of Marksville.

3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a sincere and heartfelt measure of appreciation and
4 commendation be expressed to Dr. Richard Michel for his remarkable term of public service
5 as mayor of Marksville; and

6 WHEREAS, for more than twenty-eight years as mayor, Richard Michel has
7 consistently demonstrated his dedicated spirit and unwavering determination to improve the
8 quality of life of the people of Marksville; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard Michel was born on May 27, 1932, to Marksville natives
10 Edmond Michel and Sylvia Roy, and has one brother, Daniel E. Michel, and one sister,
11 Sylvia Ella Turnage; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1950, Dr. Michel was valedictorian of his graduating class at
13 Marksville High School, and he furthered his education at Louisiana State University, where
14 he received a bachelor of science degree in 1953 and LSU Medical School in New Orleans;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, in 1956, Richard Michel married Margaret Bennett of Hattiesburg,
17 Mississippi, and he served in the United States Air Force from 1958 until 1960; he was a
18 captain and head of obstetrics and gynecology at Robins Air Force Base hospital in Georgia
19 as well as the assistant hospital administrator; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Michel returned to Marksville in 1960 to practice medicine at
21 Marksville Hospital, where he still practices today; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Michel has served with distinction as mayor of Marksville for
2 nearly three decades and is credited with helping to transform Marksville from a town into
3 a city; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Michel was instrumental in encouraging the expansion of the Super
5 Wal-Mart and assisted the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe in establishing Paragon Casino, and under
6 his superb tenure of leadership, many parts of Marksville have been built and improved,
7 including city hall, the police and fire stations, the city courtroom, judges' offices, and the
8 water system building; and

9 WHEREAS, the proud father of Margaret Suzone Alfred and Donna Renee Lemoine,
10 Dr. Michel has two granddaughters, one grandson, and one great-granddaughter; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to his highly productive and effective service as a physician
12 and mayor of Marksville, Dr. Michel was an Eagle Scout and a Boy Scout, received the Ad
13 Altare Dei Catholic medal, and has served as a charter member of the American Academy
14 of Family Physicians, a member of the Southern Medical Association, a member and
15 longtime president of the Avoyelles Medical Association, a member and board member of
16 the Council on Aging, a member and first vice president of the Jaycees, a member of the
17 Knights of Columbus, a board member of Cottonport Bank and the Airport Authority Board,
18 a member and board member of the Marksville Chamber of Commerce, a member of the
19 Lions Club and the Avoyelles Cattlemen's Association, the first president of the Avoyelles
20 Mayors' Association, and the first chief of staff at Avoyelles Hospital; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Michel merits a special measure of commendation for his
22 singular contributions to Marksville, whose citizens will long reap the benefits of his
23 wonderful legacy.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Richard Michel for his outstanding
26 accomplishments upon his retirement as the longtime mayor of Marksville, does hereby
27 recognize and record for posterity his vital contributions and the tremendous pride that he
28 brings to Marksville, to Avoyelles Parish, and to the state of Louisiana, does hereby extend
29 to him sincere appreciation for the honorable manner in which he has consistently served,

1 and does hereby wish him full measures of continued success and happiness in his future
2 endeavors.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
4 to Dr. Richard Michel.

DIGEST

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