

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 288

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN

A RESOLUTION

To commend James D. Madden for his community service.

WHEREAS, James D. Madden was born in the Heflin community in Webster Parish on January 13, 1938; after his early years there, his family moved to Minden, and he attended Minden Grammar School and graduated from Minden High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Mr. Madden enrolled in the civil engineering program at Louisiana Tech University, but this path was cut short by family responsibilities; his family business was one of the early pioneers to venture into asphalt paving in North Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Madden married Lyda Roberts Madden, and sixty years later, the Maddens take great pride and joy in the family they have raised together; their sons, S. Douglas Madden, David Scott Madden, and John A. Madden run the family's flagship company, Madden Contracting Company, as well as satellite entities under the company umbrella; their daughter, Sarah Margaret Madden, lost her life in 2004, leaving James and Lyda two wonderful granddaughters, Savannah and Catherine Willis; they have eight other beloved grandchildren and eleven precious great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Madden Contracting Company, Mr. Madden's professional career spans his involvement with Webster Bank and Trust, Minden Bank and Trust, and Minden Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, a true advocate for education, Mr. Madden shares his talents and expertise on the board of Glenbrook School and has been instrumental in helping to make many physical improvements to the campus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Madden, having spent more than half a century in the construction business, knows well the need for a trained, educated, and experienced work force, and his knowledge and insights in this area led him to develop a keen interest in technical education; and

WHEREAS, several years ago, Mr. Madden and former state Senator Robert Adley began the push to upgrade the trade school in Minden, and the result of their collaboration was Northwest Louisiana Technical College, renamed by House Bill No. 89 of this Regular Session of the Legislature as the Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College; Mr. Madden played a significant role in efforts to rename and broaden the programmatic scope of this institution; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Madden merits a special measure of commendation for his outstanding accomplishments and for the pride he brings to his community and state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend James D. Madden for his community service; does hereby express enduring appreciation for his singular contributions to the citizens of Webster Parish and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to James D. Madden.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES