

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVES BARRAS, ABRAHAM, ABRAMSON, AMEDEE, ANDERS, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, BRASS, CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CREWS, CROMER, DANAHAY, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, GUINN, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MARINO, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PIERRE, POPE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, STAGNI, STEFANSKI, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THOMAS, WHITE, WRIGHT, AND ZERINGUE

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Representative Blake Miguez upon receipt of a Top 20 Under 40 recognition from *The Daily Iberian*.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Representative Blake Miguez for his extraordinary success, admirable marksmanship, and unwavering determination; Representative Miguez is one of Louisiana's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, a resident of New Iberia Parish, Representative Miguez graduated from Catholic High in New Iberia, received a bachelor of arts in political science from Louisiana State University and a juris doctorate from Southern University Law Center; he is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Iberia Teche Chapter of the American Inns of Court; and

WHEREAS, Representative Miguez's passion to create jobs and protect small businesses stems from his own experience as a small business owner; he is president of SeaTran Marine, L.L.C. and executive vice president of Miguez Fuels and Lubricants; he learned the value of hard work at an early age from his grandfather, J.O. Neuville, the founder of Neuville Boat Works; Representative Miguez was instilled with the importance of protecting hard-working Acadiana workers and providing better opportunities to enhance

their futures; he took over the family business, SeaTran Marine, as a young man, growing the company from five or six vessels to thirty vessels before the slowdown of the oil and gas market; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Miguez is the youngest member of the board of directors of the Offshore Marine Service Association; in 2017 *The Daily Advertiser* named Miguez one of the Top 20 Under 40; and in 2017 the Louisiana Shooting Association recognized him as Legislator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Miguez is one of the most decorated pistol shooters in the world; he has won eighteen straight titles, including the 2011 International Practical Shooting Confederation Handgun World Shoot; his expertise with firearms has led him to be featured on the the History Channel's "Top Shot", Outdoor Channel's "Shooting USA", Sportsman's Channel's "Hot Shots", and Pursuit Channel's "Trigger Time"; and

WHEREAS, he has used his celebrity as a television star, United States Practical Shooting Association Grand Master, and main event feature at outdoor expos to promote second amendment rights; he has spoken of gun safety and gun rights to many Acadiana Republican organizations, Kiwanis Clubs, Rotaries, chambers of commerce, Boy Scouts, and the Louisiana State University ROTC, among other groups; and

WHEREAS, Representative Miguez is an Eagle Scout and a member of the National Rifle Association, the United States Practical Shooting Association, Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, and the Coastal Conservation Association; he is a lifetime Louisiana hunting license holder, a donor to the local Race for the Cure, and a sponsor of a local youth soccer team and the Iberia Senior High cheerleaders; and

WHEREAS, Representative Miguez is a member of the Knights of Columbus; he attends mass at St. Nicholas in Lydia and St. Peter's in New Iberia.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Representative Blake Miguez upon being named in *The Daily Iberian's* 2018 Top 20 Under 40; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his singular contributions to the citizens of House District No. 49 and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to his community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Representative Blake Miguez.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES