

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Charles "Charlie" Tubre for his extraordinary advocacy on behalf of persons with disabilities and the elderly in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Charles "Charlie" Tubre, a widely respected and admired advocate for persons with disabilities and the elderly throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Tubre was born to Richard and Wilma Tubre in Oakdale, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Tubre was fourteen years old, he injured his spinal cord in a diving accident, and has dedicated his life to helping persons with disabilities and the elderly to live full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tubre graduated from Oakdale High School and received his bachelor of arts degree in sociology from the University of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Charlie Tubre has fought for the rights of individuals with disabilities and those who are elderly by identifying problems and tirelessly advocating for solutions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tubre serves as a systems advocacy specialist at the Advocacy Center in New Orleans, a state-funded nonprofit corporation organized in 1978 to protect the rights of persons with mental or physical disabilities, advocate for the rights of group home residents, and provide legal assistance to nursing home residents and Louisianians over the age of sixty in Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Tammany parishes; and

WHEREAS, among his many other worthy efforts, Mr. Tubre works diligently to help people with disabilities find housing in New Orleans; recently, he helped thirty-five people receive Home Choice Vouchers from the Housing Authority of New Orleans, which will pay for the majority of their housing costs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tubre also works to make the city of New Orleans more wheelchair accessible; recently, he has advocated for projects that provide accessible paths of travel in downtown New Orleans, which have given residents, convention participants, and hotel guests who use mobility devices the ability to travel from hotels to tourist attractions by way of wheelchair accessible streetcars; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his remarkable achievements and unwavering commitment, the Advocacy Center is dedicating its new building to Mr. Tubre in April of 2012; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Tubre merits a special measure of commendation for his highly productive and effective efforts toward improving the welfare of his fellow citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Charles "Charlie" Tubre of New Orleans for his unwavering dedication to advancing the interests of Louisiana's disabled and elderly, does hereby record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that this wonderful man brings to his family, friends, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Charles "Charlie" Tubre.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES