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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

COMMENDATIONS: Commends John Pennison upon his retirement as deputy director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend John L. Pennison upon his retirement as deputy director of the Plaquemines
3	Port Harbor and Terminal District.
4	WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend John L. Pennison upon his retirement as
5	deputy director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District and to recognize him
6	for his unwavering dedication to public service; and
7	WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison was born on August 21, 1955, in Plaquemines Parish,
8	he attended Delta Heritage Academy in Buras, Louisiana, he married Myra Sue Gandy on
9	May 14, 1983, and they are the loving parents of their only daughter, Melanie; and
10	WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison attended Louisiana State University, majoring in business
11	administration, after which he worked in the retail inventory auditing business for twenty-
12	five years as an area, district, and regional manager; and
13	WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison began working on the Mississippi River at the young age
14	of thirteen as a deckhand on-board the Port's patrol vessel, and in 2004, he began his career
15	with the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District serving as engineer on the Port's
16	rescue boats, and, after earning his captain's license in only eight months, served as rescue
17	boat captain until 2007; and
18	WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison assumed the position as Port Assistant Manager in 2007,
19	was promoted to the position of Port Manager in July of 2009, and was ultimately promoted
20	to Deputy Port Director in April 2013; and
21	WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison currently maintains a Unites States Coast Guard Masters
22	License and is active in the maritime navigation industry, serving as a navigational

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1 consultant in the shallow draft oil industry, particularly in the coastal areas of Plaquemines 2 Parish; and 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison was appointed to the Louisiana Coastal Ports Advisory 4 Authority as the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District representative in 2013, 5 which makes recommendations for the improvements to the ports of Louisiana; and 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison was appointed by the secretary of the Department of 7 Homeland Security in August of 2013, as the Port's representative on the Lower Mississippi 8 River Waterways Safety Advisory Committee; and 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison will always remain an inspiration to his fellow citizens 10 for the vital contributions he has made in his long career of very effective public service, and 11 he merits the highest commendation and most sincere congratulations for his exemplary term 12 of service and for the tremendous pride, honor, and joy that he brings to all who know and 13 love him; and 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison should enjoy his well earned retirement and fishing the 15 marshes of Plaquemines Parish in his new boat. 16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend John L. Pennison upon his retirement as 18 deputy director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District; does hereby recognize 19 and record for posterity the deep and abiding appreciation of his fellow citizens for his 20 exemplary public service and his friendship; and does hereby extend to him best wishes for 21 success and happiness in all of his future endeavors. 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 23 to Mr. John L. Pennison.

DIGEST

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