

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 87

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Raymond Youngblood, Jr., for being an international gold miner and an international business expert, philanthropist, inventor, scientist, and author.

WHEREAS, Dr. Raymond Youngblood, Jr., was born on April 27, 1973, in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Pelican High School, where he was known for his exceptional talents in basketball; he was a Louisiana High School All-State Player in basketball and baseball; and

WHEREAS, he earned a bachelors degree in psychology from Park University in Parkville, Missouri, a masters of science degree in management from Friends University Graduate School in Wichita, Kansas, and an international doctorate of business administration degree from Berne University International Graduate School; and

WHEREAS, currently, Dr. Youngblood is being considered as a 2016 inductee for the National Mining Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Youngblood has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the honor of being named financial investment ambassador during the presidency of Colombia's thirty-first president, Álvaro Uribe; he has advised organizations such as the United States Department of State, the United Nations, the African Development Bank, and many other international organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Youngblood serves as the chairman and is the largest individual shareholder of small-scale individual mining groups; and

WHEREAS, he became Paramount Chief (King), a title bestowed in 2012 by the Traditional Council of Chiefs and Elders of the Republic of Liberia; and

WHEREAS, he created Youngblood Industries, and he is known as the only international black American gold miner in the United States; and

WHEREAS, he was the first gold miner to discover gold in several of the African rivers and in areas such as Ghana's Sefwi Wiawso Region and in the Sudan desert; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Youngblood advises governments and many state officials on economic rehabilitation and policies to promote rapid economic development; he has supported thousands of children by paying school fees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Youngblood leads extraordinary miners who shape the gold industry; he merits a sincere measure of commendation for being an international gold miner and an international business expert, inventor, scientist, and author.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Raymond Youngblood, Jr., for being an international gold miner and an international business expert, philanthropist, inventor, scientist, and author and does hereby extend to him every good wish for continued success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Raymond Youngblood, Jr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES