

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATOR MURRAY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the elevation of William Raymond Manning into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

WHEREAS, William Raymond Manning has been a great leader of innovation, planning, and design in the City of New Orleans over the last twenty-five years, and has been instrumental in the rebuilding of the city after the hurricanes of 2005; and

WHEREAS, because of his vision and dedication to his craft and community, William Manning is being elevated this year in the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects; and

WHEREAS, he received a Bachelor of Architecture from Southern University, a Master of Architecture from the University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Planning, where he devoted his thesis to his involvement in planning Detroit neighborhoods, which at the time were already feeling the effects of that city's economic decline, and then went on to continue his education in Design and Management at Harvard University and at Dartmouth College; and

WHEREAS, after completing his education, he returned to New Orleans and established Manning Architects, which quickly earned a regional and national reputation in architecture, interior design, and urban design and planning; and

WHEREAS, after hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Mr. Manning's work focused on the development, planning, and urban design of New Orleans, including being instrumental in the Bring New Orleans Back Neighborhood Recovery Planning process, which led to the funding and organizational structure of the Unified New Orleans Plan, the city's official recovery blueprint, and numerous other efforts to reinvigorate and restore the city; and

WHEREAS, the civic and design leadership which he has demonstrated has made him a sought-after speaker, contributor, and lecturer at national and international conferences and events on issues related to urban design, neighborhood development, community outreach, sustainability, urban water management, and disaster and recovery planning; and

WHEREAS, some of his most significant roles include the New Orleans Business Council, the New Orleans Board of Liquidation and the New Orleans Sewage and Water Board, and he is currently President-elect of the New Orleans Chapter of the American Institute of Architects; and

WHEREAS, because of his creative leadership, the American Institute of Architects sees fit to elevate William Manning into the College of Fellows, an honor bestowed to architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession and their significant contributions to architecture and society on a national level.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the elevation of William Raymond Manning into the College of Fellows of the American Institution of Architects, and does hereby extend its gratitude for his dedication and creative leadership in the design and development of New Orleans before and after Hurricane Katrina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to William Raymond Manning.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES