

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To congratulate the Honorable Ben Wayne Nevers Sr. upon his retirement as chief of staff for the office of John Bel Edwards, Governor of the state of Louisiana, to commend his many years of faithful public service, and to honor his outstanding contributions made on behalf of the citizens of this state.

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana wholeheartedly expresses its sincere congratulations to Ben Nevers upon his retirement as chief of staff and, as he steps away from public life, also conveys the appreciation of the citizens of this state for his tenure as a prolific senator, legislator, and school board member; and

WHEREAS, after his tenure in the Louisiana State Senate, Ben Nevers was approached by Governor-elect John Bel Edwards to assist in the oversight of his new administration; and

WHEREAS, as chief of staff, Ben Nevers brought with him over three decades of institutional knowledge in state and local government; his expertise provided much needed direction to the executive office for the implementation of new plans and policies; and

WHEREAS, Nevers provided extraordinary insight during this time to address immense challenges that befell the governor's office that included class discrimination, budget crises, and historic flooding throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, with his lengthy legislative experience and vast breadth of knowledge, Ben Nevers worked diligently to negotiate across the aisles of the legislature and across partisan lines to bring about an acceptable compromise between all parties to address a wide range of key issues; and

WHEREAS, in each situation, his approach was to dispatch the matter in the most direct, yet courteous manner possible; he never sidestepped an issue; he focused on the problem at hand and considered every possible solution with respect to the consequences affecting all parties in the process; and

WHEREAS, a favorite son of Bogalusa, his hometown in Washington Parish, Ben Nevers is a successful businessman who has shouldered the mantle of public service proudly and willingly; and

WHEREAS, as a man of unquestionable principle, Ben Nevers is, first and foremost, a Christian of deep and abiding faith who serves his God daily; he has always measured his actions based on the belief of "do the right thing"; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Ben Nevers, a true gentleman, has been the deserving recipient of copious honors for his professional, civic, legislative, and business achievements that are far too numerous to count; and

WHEREAS, as Ben Nevers prepares for the next chapter of his life in the private sector, he and Ann, his wife of more than fifty years, shall relish their time together with their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the company of close friends; and

WHEREAS, Ben Nevers is a kind individual filled with an immeasurable empathy for the plight of his fellow man; he has sacrificed much of his time and talent to the betterment of this state; and he has dedicated his intelligence and his energy to the service of his faith, family, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, Ben W. Nevers Sr. merits heartfelt appreciation for the tremendous pride, honor, and joy he brings to his community and the state of Louisiana, which will long reap the benefits of his distinguished legacy of public service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate the Honorable Ben W. Nevers Sr. upon his retirement as chief of staff for the office of governor of the state of Louisiana and does hereby recognize his many contributions and years of dedication to the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its best wishes to Ben Nevers for continued prosperity and success in all his future endeavors.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
Honorable Ben W. Nevers Sr.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE