

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Steve Wilson upon receipt of the 2016 Stewardship Award presented by the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and for his efforts to conserve the lands and the environs of south Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana commends the actions of a devoted conservationist such as Steve Wilson and extends to him the recognition he so richly deserves; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) is made up of a wide spectrum of interested parties that include local governments, business interests, civic organizations, commercial and recreational fishing interests, landowners, teachers, conservationists, scientists, researchers, and concerned individuals; and

WHEREAS, Steve Wilson is keenly aware of the bounty of natural treasures and wildlife found in his home parish of St. Charles as well as the abundance of valuable assets found in the coastal zone of Louisiana and is dedicated to the conservation of these environmental and land resources; and

WHEREAS, Steve Wilson serves his state as president of the Pontchartrain Levee District Board of Commissioners and in numerous other capacities that included service on the St. Charles Parish Planning Commission and membership in the Louisiana Chapter of the American Planning Association; and.

WHEREAS, as a member of the Pontchartrain Levee District, he addresses land use and sensitive environmental issues that affect six parishes along the Mississippi River, specifically the parishes of St. John the Baptist, East Baton Rouge, Ascension, Iberville, St. James, and St. Charles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson is also a member of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and acts as the Levee Region 3 Representative appointed by the presidents of Pontchartrain, Atchafalaya, Lafourche Basin, and North Lafourche levee districts; and

WHEREAS, because of his passion for conservation, Pontchartrain Levee District President Steve Wilson was nominated and ultimately chosen as one of six individuals to receive the Stewardship Award from CRCL; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2016, the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana honored the efforts of these bold individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the preservation of the state's coastal resources and who have made significant contributions to the restoration and conservation of wetland habitats; and

WHEREAS, CRCL continues to seek out those conservationists like Steve Wilson who are dedicated to the protection of the world's greatest collection of natural, cultural, and economic resources that are found within the wetlands and estuaries of coastal Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Steve Wilson upon receipt of the 2016 Stewardship Award presented by the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Steve Wilson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE