

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 166

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Don Chaney upon his retirement after 32 years of dedicated service to the Louisiana Senate.

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Don Chaney, director of security for the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon his retirement after thirty-two years of dedicated service to this body.

WHEREAS, at this time, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana would like to commend Chief Security Officer Don Chaney for his many years of meritorious service and for his constant vigilance to assure the safety and well-being of its officers, members, and employees; and

WHEREAS, Don Chaney began his tenure as Chief Security Officer in April 1981; since that time he has coordinated daily Senate Security operations, he has evaluated and trained those personnel placed under his supervision, and he has taken appropriate action when any perceived threat or disruptive situation occurred within the premises of the Louisiana Senate; and

WHEREAS, Don Chaney is a commissioned police officer trained at the LSU Law Enforcement Institute, a member of the National Legislative Service and Security Association since 1994, and head of security for all of the elected Senate presidents since Senator Michael O'Keefe; and

WHEREAS, while still in his teens he served his country with valor and distinction

1 by enlistment in the United States Navy during World War II; his service included sea duty  
2 in the Pacific Theater on three submarine tender vessels, the USS Fulton, the USS Bushnell,  
3 and the USS Nereus; and

4 WHEREAS, with victory over Japan and the cessation of war, he participated in  
5 Operation Crossroads, the atmospheric nuclear weapons test conducted in the summer of  
6 1946 at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands; he completed his tour of duty and was  
7 honorably discharged; and

8 WHEREAS, after his return to Louisiana, Mr. Chaney, like many other veterans,  
9 sought gainful employment; he soon joined the ranks of the Baton Rouge Police Department  
10 as a uniform patrol officer and witnessed thirty years of the city's law enforcement history  
11 and growth as a patrolman and supervisor; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Chaney took his duties as a law enforcement officer quite seriously;  
13 so seriously that he "looked the part" and was a movie extra, cast as a city policeman, in the  
14 1975 movie shot here at the state capitol building, *The Deadly Tower*; and

15 WHEREAS, in the late 1940s it was love at first sight when he first gazed upon a  
16 lovely store clerk at Hebert's Grocery on Scenic Highway; after a two-year courtship, Don  
17 married Jude Laurent, in her hometown of Lakeland, Louisiana, at the Immaculate  
18 Conception Catholic Church; this year marks their sixty-first wedding anniversary on  
19 June 30, 2013; and

20 WHEREAS, their union was blessed with the birth of two children, Donna and  
21 David, with the continued blessings of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Chaney offers some sage matrimonial advice that he simply states  
23 as, "Never forget her birthday or anniversary, never tell her age, and always communicate  
24 well with each other."; and

25 WHEREAS, throughout his lengthy career in Senate Security, Don Chaney maintains  
26 an element of quiet decorum at all times even when circumstances have him intervene during  
27 hotly contested debates or on occasions when tempers run hot and emotions run high; such  
28 events are sometimes the operations of a democratic society in the public forum of politics;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Senate, Mr. Chaney has maintained a working

1 relationship with all members in law enforcement, local and state police, fire protection  
2 services, and with the capitol complex security infrastructure, all to the benefit of those  
3 involved in the legislative process.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
5 does hereby commend Don Chaney, director of security for the Senate, upon his retirement  
6 after thirty-two faithful years of dedicated service.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does  
8 hereby extend best wishes to Don Chaney for a peaceful and happy retirement with success  
9 in any future endeavors.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does  
11 hereby also extend birthday greetings to Don Chaney on June 13<sup>th</sup> of this year, in celebration  
12 of his eighty-fifth birthday.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
14 director of Senate security, Don Chaney.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan P. Montague.

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DIGEST

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SR No. 166

Commends Don Chaney, director of Senate security, upon his retirement after 35 years of faithful service.