

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY SENATORS BOUDREAUX AND SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Patrick C. Morrow upon his induction into the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Patrick was born in Plaquemine, Louisiana, and raised in Arnaudville where his grandfather owned and operated a small pharmacy and where his father established a medical clinic; and

WHEREAS, continuing his family's tradition of earning an education and then returning home to work, Patrick graduated Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Government in 1969 and a Juris Doctorate in 1972, and upon graduation began a clerkship with district court Judge Joseph LaHaye in Opelousas; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, along with his late brother, Patrick founded the law firm Morrow and Morrow in Opelousas, and over the years, the law firm has expanded to include eight attorneys practicing a wide variety of law with offices in Opelousas, Lafayette, and New Iberia, and is known today as Morrow, Morrow, Ryan, Bassett, and Haik; and

WHEREAS, continuing his family's tradition, the law firm annually awards fifteen college scholarships of \$2,500 each to St. Landry and Evangeline Parish students and urges recipients to complete their degrees and return to St. Landry or Evangeline Parish to begin their careers; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Morrow Family established the J. Michael Morrow Memorial Scholarship Fund at the LSU Law Center, and later, as part of a settlement of a class action suit over crawfish farming, was instrumental in establishing a \$300,000 Cy Pres endowment to the LSU Law Center for the benefit of students who reside in certain parishes where crawfish are farmed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morrow has devoted his career in service to his clients and the

courts; he is a member of the St. Landry Parish Bar Association; the Louisiana State Bar Association; the American Bar Association; the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit; the Louisiana Association for Justice, serving as a member of its counsel of directors; the American Association of Justice; the Trial Lawyers Honorary Society; the Louisiana City Attorneys Association; the Louisiana Association of Christian Lawyers; and numerous other legal associations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morrow is a Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation, the American Bar Foundation, the John M. Duhe Jr. American Inns of Court, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Litigation Counsel of America, and the American Board of Trial Advocates; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Mr. Morrow had the honor of being appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court as Judge, Pro Tempore for the 27th Judicial District Court in St. Landry Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morrow was appointed by Governor Blanco to serve on the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission from 2005 to 2011, serving as chairman in 2008; served on the Louisiana State University Law Center Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2007; and is currently serving on the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, as an active member of his community, Mr. Morrow was also awarded the Distinguished Citizens Award by the Evangeline Area Council of Boy Scouts in 2003, and the Elks Club "Citizen of the Year" in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morrow serves as a member of Hospital Service District No. 2 in St. Landry Parish, and from 2012 to 2020 was on the board of trustees of Opelousas General Health System; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morrow has been married to the amazing Mary Alice Palazzo for fifty-four years and together they have raised three remarkable children and are grandparents to nine beautiful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Democratic Parish Executive Committee periodically considers persons of high ethical and moral character who have promoted the principles of constitutional equality, personal liberty, economic opportunity, and government and fiscal responsibility and positively influenced the entire parish and the state; and

WHEREAS, as recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award, St. Landry Parish Democratic Party considers Mr. Morrow to be a person who recognizes and respects the diversity of all Americans and promotes the common unity of all, leading his political party and displaying strong leadership throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Patrick C. Morrow demonstrates a devotion to all of the principles of the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party with a lifetime championing principles that are so essential to the ideas of American democracy; and

WHEREAS, during the Lifetime Achievement Banquet to be held on April 7, 2022, Patrick C. Morrow will be inducted into the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Patrick C. Morrow upon his induction into the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Patrick C. Morrow.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE