

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 230

BY SENATORS JOHNS, MORRISH AND JOHN SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Eugene A. "Gene" Bouquet for his long, dedicated, and distinguished service as Conflicts Counsel for the 14th Judicial District Court Indigent Defender Board on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, Eugene A. Bouquet was born on November 7, 1950, to Dorothy Mae and Edward Bouquet and is a brother to Juanita Bouquet Hubley, Jacqueline Bouquet Heitkamp, and Edward R. Bouquet; and

WHEREAS, he is a 1968 graduate of Iowa High School, a 1972 graduate of McNeese State University, and a graduate of LSU Law School in 1975, and was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Gene is married to Darilyn Marie Ardoin, is the father of Myra Renee Bouquet Broussard, and grandfather to Felicity Marie and Celeste Azelie Broussard; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles, a member of the Calcasieu Kennel Club as past president and on the board of directors, and is the current president of Silky Terrier Club of America; and

WHEREAS, Gene Bouquet is a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Iowa and has served as lector, advisory board member, as well as in the ACTS ministry and Fishers of Men for Christ; and

WHEREAS, Eugene A. "Gene" Bouquet has served as Conflicts Counsel for the 14th Judicial District Court Indigent Defender Board for more than twenty-five years, devoting his practice to the representation of disadvantaged persons charged with crimes and unable to afford paid counsel; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as Town Counsel for the Town of Iowa for many years; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Eugene A. Bouquet be recognized and commended for his unselfish defense of the citizens of Calcasieu Parish, the Louisiana Constitution, and the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, he has always exemplified the mandate from the Almighty in Proverbs 31:8-9:

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,

for the rights of all who are destitute.

Speak up and judge fairly;

defend the rights of the poor and needy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Eugene A. "Gene" Bouquet for his long, dedicated, and distinguished service on the occasion of his retirement, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his vital contributions, does hereby express to him sincere appreciation for his years of exemplary service, and does hereby extend to Eugene A. "Gene" Bouquet every good wish for success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Eugene A. Bouquet.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE