

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 237

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Tim Barfield on his exceptional contributions in both the private sector and as a public servant, using his significant talents to better the lives of those throughout Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Tim Barfield is a 1982 graduate of Catholic High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and was named the 2014 Distinguished Graduate; he has served on the Catholic High Foundation Board and has been an active volunteer for his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, Tim Barfield earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Louisiana State University (LSU) and his Juris Doctor from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU, beginning his legal career as a law clerk for the late Frank Polozola, United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in the private sector, Mr. Barfield distinguished himself as an executive of The Shaw Group, Inc., serving as president and chief operating officer of the company, a Baton Rouge-based corporation providing engineering, construction, environmental, and industrial services, and Baton Rouge's first *Fortune 500* company headquartered in the capital city; and only the second in the state of Louisiana, and the publicly-traded company's annual revenue grew from three point one billion dollars to four point eight billion dollars during the years of Barfield's dual role; and

WHEREAS, Tim Barfield also served as president of Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc., a division of The Shaw Group and one of the country's largest environmental and infrastructure engineering and construction companies, with more than six thousand employees and one point two billion dollars in annual revenues under Barfield's leadership; and

WHEREAS, during his time with Shaw, Tim Barfield served briefly as managing director of Shaw, United Kingdom, Ltd., adding international experience to his thoroughly remarkable *curriculum vitae*; and

WHEREAS, with such extraordinary accomplishments at the helm of Shaw Group divisions, Tim Barfield had much to recommend him to work in the public sector and he served in several capacities in the administration of Governor Bobby Jindal, beginning with being tapped to be the first executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, formerly the Department of Labor, and heading the effort to modernize and streamline this department, striving to better serve Louisiana's greatest resource, its people; and

WHEREAS, Tim Barfield went on to serve Governor Jindal as executive counsel, providing legal representation to the governor and his staff and serving as an advisor on policy, strategic, operational, and transactional matters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barfield served as the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue, putting him in charge of the administration's effort to reform Louisiana's tax system so that the tax code would be fairer, flatter, and lower for Louisiana families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, eventually, Tim Barfield returned to the private sector, having left his mark on many of the successes of the Jindal years; in 2016, he was named Executive Vice President of CSRS, Inc., a Louisiana-based design and management firm specializing in the delivery of infrastructure and facilities to public and private entities across the southeast United States; and

WHEREAS, as an executive member of the administration of Governor Bobby Jindal, Tim Barfield performed courageous, groundbreaking, and trailblazing research on, and analysis and review of, the state's tax exemptions, credits, and deductions, working tirelessly, unselfishly, and sacrificially, always with an eye to improving, strengthening, and benefitting the great state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, as an intelligent and multi-talented leader and executive, Tim Barfield has lent all his skills to significant efforts in both the private sector in Louisiana and in governmental service, bringing his expertise and his vision to various positions that strengthened the economy in Louisiana, and brought those same talents to deliver a state government that more fully met the needs of her citizens and raised the profile of Louisiana as a state where good things were happening and government was being run in a more business-like manner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tim Barfield on his exceptional contributions in both the private sector and as a public servant, bringing his significant talents to better the lives of those throughout Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tim Barfield.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE