

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 238

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Foster Campbell on his illustrious career of many years serving the people of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Foster Campbell on his illustrious and lengthy career in the service of the
3 people of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Foster Campbell Jr. was born to Foster L. Campbell Sr. and Rubye
5 Grigsby in Shreveport, Louisiana, on January 1, 1947; and

6 WHEREAS, Foster Campbell Jr. was educated in Bossier Parish schools and
7 graduated from Bossier High School in 1965, moving to Northwestern State University in
8 Natchitoches, Louisiana, where he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell attended Louisiana State University and went on to teach
10 school and work as an agriculture products salesman from 1972 through 1975; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1976, Foster Campbell entered his first race for elective office; the
12 seat in the Louisiana State Senate representing District 36 in Northwest Louisiana, including
13 portions of Bossier Parish; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell was a member of the Democratic party and a strong
15 supporter of Governor Edwin W. Edwards, an immensely powerful governor and a popular
16 figure for most of his career; and

17 WHEREAS, Foster Campbell was reelected to a second four-year term in 1980, and
18 subsequently reelected, serving in the body until 2002 when he ran, instead, for a seat on the

1 Public Service Commission (PSC), representing District 5 on the five-member statewide
2 regulatory body in charge of public utilities and the petroleum industry; and

3 WHEREAS, in his role with the PSC, Foster Campbell focuses on holding periodic
4 townhall meetings for constituents to voice their concerns, primarily about matters of utility
5 service; and

6 WHEREAS, in the 2014 primary election, Commissioner Campbell won his third
7 term on the PSC by defeating the Republican candidate from Winnfield, Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, Foster Campbell and his second wife, Gwen, live in Elm Grove in
9 Bossier Parish where he is a farmer and cattleman, remaining close to their children and
10 grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout his political career, Commissioner Campbell has often been
12 referred to as a "populist", a description that he would generally agree to, as he has
13 consistently seen himself as looking out for those who are not thought to wield significant
14 political influence; basically, a group whose voice is not often heard; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2009, Foster Campbell was deservedly inducted into the Louisiana
16 Political Museum and Hall of Fame in Winnfield, Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2012, Commissioner Campbell was chosen as the chairman of the
18 PSC, and in 2014, he was elected to his third term on the commission; and

19 WHEREAS, Foster Campbell championed the case against predatory consumer loan
20 practices; labored to eliminate the state income tax, and worked tirelessly to strengthen
21 education in Louisiana; and

22 WHEREAS, Foster Campbell supported the pro-life cause in the famous fight over
23 abortion in the state capitol in 1990, voting for a pro-life bill in the Louisiana Senate, and
24 also voting to override the then governor's veto of the same pro-life measure; and

25 WHEREAS, Foster Campbell's entire career in public life has exemplified an
26 extraordinary and courageous determination to take on special interests, a principled
27 commitment to oppose lobbyists and bureaucrats, and a valiant devotion to fight for working
28 families, the common man, and the middle class; and

29 WHEREAS, the extraordinary accomplishment of having served in elective office
30 in Louisiana for more than five decades, amid the almost cataclysmic change from being an

1 entirely Democratic state to an unquestionably Republican state, without having one's
2 constituents become disenchanted with an officeholder and seeing serious inconsistencies
3 in policy or approach, is not an accomplishment that all have been able to achieve, but Foster
4 Campbell's constituents remain loyal and return him to representative office, affirming that
5 he has represented them well and continues to serve their interests.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
7 does hereby commend Foster Campbell on his illustrious and lengthy career in the service
8 of the people of Louisiana.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
10 Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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