

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Harold L. Taylor upon his induction into the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, throughout his life Harold has been involved in community service in his hometown of Palmetto, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, at the age of thirteen, one of his first community projects, and the one that cemented his lifelong desire to help others, was a project wherein he assisted in the organizing of a community volunteer fire department, served as a volunteer fireman, and was elected to its first board of directors; and

WHEREAS, following college, Harold returned to the village of Palmetto and at the age of twenty-two was elected to the town council and ten years later was elected its mayor; and

WHEREAS, during his thirty-year tenure in elected office, he organized community projects to improve the lives of the residents in St. Landry Parish, including extending the community water system to service the communities around Palmetto which benefitted hundreds of families, improving roads, and establishing a community scholarship program for graduating high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor also established and operated a food bank, sponsored a community beautification project in Palmetto, assisted a local church in establishing an educational summer enrichment program, and was instrumental in bringing healthcare services to his local community; and

WHEREAS, for his years of service to his community, Mr. Taylor was recognized in Washington, D.C. as a visionary leader by the National Association of Small-Town Communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Taylor retired from public service and joined Louisiana Healthcare Group, a healthcare company he co-founded that provides in-home healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor has served on many nonprofit boards over his career and is currently serving on the board of the Opelousas General Health System Foundation, St. Landry Foundation, and the Harold & Ammy Taylor Foundation; 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 has positively influenced the entire parish and the state; and

WHEREAS, as recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award, the St. Landry Democratic Party considers Mr. Taylor 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, Harold L. Taylor demonstrates a devotion to all of the principles of the St. Landry 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, Harold L. Taylor 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 Harold L. Taylor 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 Harold L. Taylor.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE