

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Scott Rogers for outstanding and exemplary service to the Baton Rouge area community.

WHEREAS, a successful career as a marketing and production consultant worldwide brought Scott Rogers to the United States throughout the 1990s and he decided to immigrate to Louisiana from England in 2000 with his daughter, Kimmie, becoming American citizens in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Scott's outstanding abilities as a motivator and bridge builder have been put to good use over the last decade through hundreds of charitable events, thousands of personal hours given, and hundreds of thousands of dollars raised due to his actions in the state; and

WHEREAS, Scott Rogers is a formidable advocate for the state and civic and charitable groups that have sought his assistance; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, he developed and financed the creation of the award-winning Around Town Show - itself a vehicle for positive news across the capital region; and

WHEREAS, Around Town has produced over 800 editions bringing free exposure to nearly five thousand different civic and charitable events, groups, and endeavors and has become known for its support of critical local volunteer groups and provides free airtime as well as coverage to promote their causes; and

WHEREAS, Scott Rogers has served as judge for Capital Area United Way Jambalaya Cookoff; Z-Fest (Zachary Idol); LSU Art Show; and Baker Buffalo Wing Competition; and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of, involved with, or assisted the Board of Directors for the Pride Fire Department; Kiwanis International (held "Regional Motivator" office for three years) and spoke to over thirty regional civic groups over three states; Circle K & Key Club (Youth Division of Kiwanis International); The Jaycees; Dreams Come True

- Honorary Chairperson for two years; Arthritis Foundation; The Chamber of Commerce of Greater Baton Rouge; Governor's Abstinence Program; Baton Rouge Family Law Division; United Blood Services; Aneurysm Outreach, Inc.; Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council (CACRC); Golden Magnolia Awards; Keep Baton Rouge Beautiful; Links to Literacy; Northdale Magnet High School; Louisiana Council for Tobacco Free Living; Sweet Adelines; River Parishes College; Polaris Awards; East Baton Rouge Medical Society; Louisiana State Bar Association; Cat Haven Annual Banquet; Baker Police Department (dog runs, rest rooms, and new bulletproof vests); Baton Rouge Parents Magazine; Cenikor; Friendship Force of Baton Rouge; Protect Our Dogs; McMains Children Developmental Association; National Black Home Educators Resource Association; Louisiana State Troopers Association; Cystic Fibrosis (Golden Rose Awards and Celebrity Waiters); Festival of Lights; and Office of Community Services (state adoption/fostering), as well as serving as guest chef at Southside Gardens; and

WHEREAS, he has emceed for Seize the Day, Epilepsy Foundation event for five years; LSU Mike the Tiger new housing fundraiser; Virginia college grand opening; Friendship force Baton Rouge; House of Blues New Orleans; Louisiana Fallen Firefighter's Memorial event for five years; USS Kidd Memorial Day Service; Meanwhile, Back at Café Du Monde; Lyceum, Back at Café Du Monde; Casas for CASA; Louisiana Tea Party Lt. Governor's Debate; Baker Buffalo Festival; Fall Couture Bridal Show; Lagniappe Women's Club; Better Business Bureau "Ethics in Business Award" Dinner for two years; ARC Luncheon and Style Show; and Epilepsy Walk; and

WHEREAS, Scott Rogers has been a speaker at CEO Women's Group; Metropolitan Community Church; Unity Church of Baton Rouge; and American Business Women's Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, he has donated the use of equipment and his time planning and implementing the 2010 Downtown Christmas Parade while co-hosting the parade with the proceeds going to the Cortana Kiwanis; and

WHEREAS, Scott Rogers donated proceeds from his *Once* children's books to the Cortana Kiwanis Club with the money being used to help equip the pediatric department of the Earl K. Long Hospital with some desperately needed infant-sized hardware; and

WHEREAS, he has also donated the profits from *The Little Red Boat* to Habitat for Humanity to help build houses for families who might otherwise never have them; and

WHEREAS, Scott Rogers spear-headed a campaign which raised \$25,000 to air condition the Northdale Magnet Academy Auditorium and at the Northdale Magnet Academy, an alternative school for at-risk students, Scott also donated his own time and paid his staff's time to teach these students career and technology skills; and

WHEREAS, Scott Rogers is a truly unique individual, who through his long standing, dedicated, outstanding and exemplary service to his community, strives to improve the condition of his fellow citizens and it is of such individuals that the strength of our communities, the quality of life in the state of Louisiana, and the overall vitality of American society depend.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend Scott Rogers for his outstanding and exemplary service to the Baton Rouge area community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Scott Rogers.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE