

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Mary Polotzola Morain upon her induction into the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Mary P. Morain is the ninth of twelve children born to Dominick Polotzola and Betty Dukes; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Melville, Louisiana, graduating from Melville High School in 1975, she remains a lifetime resident of the beautiful town; and

WHEREAS, Mary's marriage of forty-three years to her husband, Bennett Morain, in 1976, produced one son, Brandon, and four beautiful grandchildren, Emily, Brandalynn, Brennon, and Emerson who bring much pride and joy to their family; and

WHEREAS, as a child growing up in Melville, Mary exhibited leadership qualities that created the gateway to her success and has always been compassionate and caring, with the sole purpose in her life to always help others; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morain served as an apprentice to Anthony Corte from the young age of nineteen before taking ownership of Corte's AG Food Center in Melville in 1985 for twenty-five years alongside her husband; and

WHEREAS, many of Melville's townspeople will elaborate and share a story or two of how Mrs. Morain has a heart of gold and how she gives back to her community, with the most common statement being that "If Mary is around, no one goes hungry!!!"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morain was founder and president of the nonprofit organization, "Melville Young At Heart Club", for eighteen years which works with senior citizens and elderly in her community, thus, allowing her to put loving smiles on the faces of the elderly; and

WHEREAS, she often organized trips, social gatherings, and meetings so that the

elderly would feel loved and not so alone while bringing joy and warmth to their hearts on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morain is the owner of Immaculate Heart of Mary, a personal care service started in 2005 in Melville, which has now flourished in two other regions of the state with offices in Morganza and Marksville, because she knows how to address the areas that are critical to the elderly and people with disabilities, helping them to be as self-sufficient as possible; and

WHEREAS, Immaculate Heart of Mary is the highlight of Mrs. Morain's life, as she is hands-on seven days a week managing six hundred employees who care for five hundred clients because she loves taking care of the elderly and people with disabilities which she does with such grace and gratitude; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morain is very active with volunteering, organizing, and sponsoring events such as fundraisers, raffles, dinner sales, and karaoke for St. John's Catholic Church and the Melville Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Mrs. Morain received the Monsignor Segura Award which is the highest honor awarded to a nonclergy Catholic from the Diocese of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morain is known as giving one hundred percent of her time, talent, and treasures to ensure that everyone around her is taken care of, as she perseveres and challenges the best of the best and fights relentlessly for righteousness; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Democratic Parish Executive Committee annually names persons of high ethical and moral character who have promoted the principles of constitutional equality, personal liberty, economic opportunity, and government and fiscal responsibility whose impact has positively influenced the entire parish and the state; and

WHEREAS, the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, who is then considered to be a member of the St. Landry Democratic Party Hall of Fame, is also a person who recognizes and respects the diversity of all Americans and promotes the common unity of all, leading the political party and displaying strong leadership throughout their career; and

WHEREAS, Mary P. Morain has demonstrated a devotion to all of these principles of the St. Landry Democratic Party with a lifetime of efforts championing these principles that are so essential to the ideas of American democracy; and

WHEREAS, during the Lifetime Achievement Banquet, held on March 26, 2019, Mary Polotzola Morain was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Mary Polotzola Morain upon her induction into the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mary Polotzola Morain.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE