

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 88

BY SENATOR SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Earl "Pie" Tastet on the occasion of his retirement as District 2 Justice of the Peace in St. Charles Parish.

WHEREAS, Earl acquired the nickname "Pie" as a young boy, when many people observed that being pale and freckled, his face looked like a little pie; and

WHEREAS, early in life, Earl dabbled in horse racing, winning six of seven races as a jockey; and

WHEREAS, Earl began his career as a truck driver, working for Thompson-Hayward Chemical Company and Decker; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement from Decker, Earl tried his hand at politics as a second career; and

WHEREAS, his first race was a strong yet unsuccessful showing as a candidate for the school board, losing by only eight votes; and

WHEREAS, not deterred by his razor-thin loss, Earl successfully ran for the District 2 Justice of the Peace position in St. Charles Parish; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Justice of the Peace, Earl also drove buses for the St. Charles Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, one day while driving thirty Hahnville students, Earl's bus would have been hit by a drunk driver had it not been for his quick reaction and calmness under pressure to swerve and avoid a direct hit and prevent any serious injuries to the students in his care; and

WHEREAS, for six terms and over thirty years, Earl "Pie" Tastet served the people of St. Charles Parish as District 2 Justice of the Peace; and

WHEREAS, throughout his time as Justice of the Peace, he was most proud of assisting his constituents, whether it be performing marriages, settling disputes, or mediating conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Earl's quick wit and evenhanded temperament brought people together, even in times of bitter conflict; and

WHEREAS, while he was prepared to serve another term, his wife urged him to retire with his final term ending on December 31, 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Earl "Pie" Tastet on the occasion of his retirement as District 2 Justice of the Peace in St. Charles Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Earl "Pie" Tastet.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE