

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 88

BY SENATORS CHAISSON, ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, CHABERT, CHEEK, CLAITOR, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, ERDEY, GAUTREAUX, GUILLORY, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, PERRY, PETERSON, QUINN, RISER, SMITH, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WILLARD-LEWIS AND SHAW

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable B. L. "Buddy" Shaw for his leadership during many years of service in the Legislature of Louisiana and to recognize his many significant achievements and contributions to the legislative institution, his country, his district, and the people of the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, after representing Senate District 37 and House District 6, Senator Buddy Shaw will retire from the Senate when the term officially ends in January 2012; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Jamestown High School, he served in the United States Army and received a bachelor's and master's degree from Northwestern State University, after which he continued his studies at Louisiana State University and obtained a doctor of education; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Shaw has had a lengthy and distinguished career as an educator, first as a teacher at Hamilton Parish Junior High School, then as Assistant Principal at Lakeshore and Youree Drive Junior High School, Principal at C.E. Byrd High School from 1970 to 1986, and Superintendent for Vocational Education for the Caddo Parish School System; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in public service as a member of the Caddo Parish School Board, where he served from 1987 to 1994, including as President in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Shaw began his distinguished service in the Louisiana Legislature when he was elected to serve the people of District 6 in the House of Representatives, where he served for two terms from 1996 until 2004; and

WHEREAS, he returned to the legislature in 2008, when he was chosen to serve the people of District 37 in the Senate, where he has been determined to help Louisiana work toward changing its image through statesmanship rather than political expediency; and

WHEREAS, Senator Shaw has worked diligently to reform Louisiana's tax code, including the repeal of the Stelly Tax, and has been committed to ethics reform, fiscal discipline, and economic development, including the Air Force Cyber Command Center, the completion of the I-49 corridor, and an additional span to the Jimmy Davis Bridge; and

WHEREAS, he currently serves on the revenue and fiscal affairs and transportation committees, and is vice chair of the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, although public service and civic activities have kept Senator Shaw busy, he has always ensured that his family comes first, especially his loving and supportive wife, Mary Ann; and

WHEREAS, always representing the balance and the best interests of the people in his district, Buddy Shaw has been considered a fair-minded, trusted legislator and it is appropriate that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognize his numerous accomplishments as his term of legislative service concludes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana, and the friends and colleagues of Senator B. L. "Buddy" Shaw do hereby honor and commend him for his leadership during many years of distinguished service in the Legislature of Louisiana and recognize his many significant achievements and contributions to the legislative institution, his country, his legislative district, and the people of the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable B.L. "Buddy" Shaw, State Senator, District 37.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE