

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Breaux Petroleum Products on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary.

WHEREAS, in 1922, A.P. Breaux established what would become Breaux Petroleum in Lockport, Louisiana; the company, which was named A.P. Breaux & Sons at that time, transported crude oil throughout the Bayou Region to support the local farmers and the state's increasingly booming oil industry; and

WHEREAS, in the earliest days of the company, A.P. Breaux personally hauled crude oil from the Leeville oil and gas field and transported fuel from New Orleans Refining Company, or NORCO; and

WHEREAS, in 1927, A.P. Breaux & Sons secured the state's first-ever distributor contract with Shell Oil Company to distribute petroleum products throughout the Bayou Region; since this landmark moment, the company has achieved the distinction of being named among Shell's Prestige Distributors, an exclusive list of companies that are recognized as top providers amongst a nationwide network of distributors; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-1930s, A.P. Breaux & Sons entered the retail fuel sector with a full-service gas station, Leon's Service Station, in Lockport, which quickly became a go-to for local residents; decades later, in the 1970s, the company reinvested in its retail operations and would eventually own and operate five convenience stores from Boutte to Golden Meadow; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, the company, known then as Breaux Oil Company, merged with another Breaux family-owned business, Lockport Oil and Tire Company, to form the present-day Breaux Petroleum; and

WHEREAS, in January 2017, Breaux Petroleum expanded its operations further by adding a second facility in Lake Charles; they also achieved an enhanced presence in the marine and offshore sectors of the oil business by serving companies throughout the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in August 2019, Breaux Petroleum broke ground in Lockport on a marine distribution facility with five hundred thousand gallons of storage space and the capacity to house up to twenty-five bulk tanks; it also features a twelve thousand-square-foot warehouse facility focused exclusively on providing products to the marine and offshore industry; and

WHEREAS, Breaux Petroleum continues to take great care in providing its products and performing its services in a safe and environmentally responsible manner that strictly adheres to all local, state, and federal regulations; its core commitment is to safety, which the company values as a central aspect of the daily operations of both its employees and the companies it serves; and

WHEREAS, Breaux Petroleum further prides itself on its willingness to go beyond its primary business functions to support the communities in which it operates, including through hurricane recovery support programs that provide vitally important fuel resources for law enforcement, first responders, emergency services, electrical contractors, and local residents in times of need; the company is also involved in numerous other initiatives that help bolster the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, one hundred years after its founding, Breaux Petroleum operates under the leadership of the third, fourth, and fifth generation descendants of A.P. Breaux and continues to serve as a trusted provider of quality products and services to the state's vitally important energy, marine, transportation, construction, and agricultural industries; the company is most deserving of recognition for its many achievements over the last century.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Breaux Petroleum Products on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary; does hereby recognize the company for its efforts to give back to the communities in which it operates; and does hereby extend sincere hopes that Breaux Petroleum continues its outstanding commitment to many of the state's most vital industries while maintaining its focus on community service and the preservation of our beautiful state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of Breaux Petroleum.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE