

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 124

BY REPRESENTATIVES HARRISON, BARRAS, CHAMPAGNE, HUVAL, AND
JONES

A RESOLUTION

To commend J. Phil Haney on his retirement and thirty-five years of public service.

WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Haney graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and entered the United States Army, where he served as a paralegal and criminal investigator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haney entered Louisiana State University Law School following his term in the Army; he received his Juris Doctor in 1976 and became a prosecutor with the 16th Judicial District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, during his time with the District Attorney's Office, Mr. Haney has been involved as a major felony and drug prosecutor and has prosecuted or supervised prosecution of over 40,000 felony cases; he has traveled with the Louisiana State Police, United States Customs, and the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office on narcotics investigations to Texas, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haney has prepared and presented seminars on narcotic investigations, asset seizure and forfeiture, and courtroom preparation for narcotic investigators while acting as the chief drug prosecutor for the parishes of Iberia, St. Martin, and St. Mary; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Mr. Haney was appointed as administrator and chief prosecutor for the District Attorney's Office in St. Martin Parish and, in 1999, he was elected as one of only eight associate directors for the National District Attorneys Association representing the assistant district attorneys throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haney was elected District Attorney of the 16th Judicial District on October 7, 2000, and was reelected without opposition in 2002 and 2008. He has served as legal advisor to the St. Martin Parish Police Jury and numerous other public bodies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haney served as President of United Way of Iberia in 2006 and was Campaign Chairman from 2001 to 2005; he is a member of the board of the Boys and Girls Club of Acadiana, Iberia Parish, and served as Honorary Chairman for the Boys and Girls Club of Acadiana Back-Our-Youth Campaign from 2001 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Mr. Haney was recognized as the first recipient of the Hero for Youth Award given by the Iberia Parish School Board for his involvement helping at-risk youth of Iberia Parish, and he and his wife, Renee, were named Distinguished Citizens by the Boy Scouts of America, Evangeline Council in 2004; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Mr. Haney was named as Public Official of the Year by the Louisiana Association of Social Workers and, in 2006, was named the Civic Citizen of the Year by the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce and was named by the St. Mary Parish Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of the Virginia-Tyler Guillotte Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haney was appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to serve on the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board and the Drug Policy Board in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haney was president of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association for 2009 and is currently a member of both the Juvenile Justice Task Force and the Legislative Committee for the Louisiana District Attorneys Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haney was a contributing author in the research article "Early Intervention Between Schools and Law Enforcement" published in *Criminology and Public Policy* in May 2012.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend J. Phil Haney for his outstanding thirty-five years of public service, does hereby express its deepest gratitude for all of the significant contributions he has made in changing the landscape of Louisiana for the better, and does hereby extend best wishes during his retirement period for a fulfilling life as he starts this new chapter in his life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to J. Phil Haney.