

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161

BY REPRESENTATIVE PYLANT

A RESOLUTION

To commend Robert Owen White of Winnsboro for his outstanding accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Robert Owen White of Winnsboro for being an exemplary citizen of the great state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Robert Owen White was born on August 5, 1922, in a family that grew to have eleven members; he was born south of Jonesville, Louisiana, in the Mayna community between Jonesville and Larto Lake, and was raised in the country, where his family subsisted off their farm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White graduated from Block High School in Jonesville before beginning to work at Babin Motors and then being drafted in 1941 and serving with valor in General Patton's Army in Europe until the end of World War II in 1945; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to Jonesville, Mr. White resumed working at Babin Motors in the parts department and in several other capacities before becoming general manager of the dealership; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Mr. White moved to Winnsboro as the franchised dealer and minority owner of the new Ford dealership, Jerry Babin Ford; over the years, the dealership changed to White & Babin Ford and finally to White Ford Lincoln, LLC, in 1987, as Mr. White became the sole owner of the business; and

WHEREAS, since 1957, Mr. White has been an active participant in the Winnsboro community through his sponsorship of Dixie Youth Baseball and his productive and dedicated involvement with the Twin Oaks Country Club, the Princess Theatre, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, where he is a board member, the Families in Need Program, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White also has been active in the Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association and was named Dealer of the Year in the Fifth District in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Mr. White became a member of the Board of Franklin State Bank, where he serves today as chairman of the board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Winnsboro since 1956, was ordained a Deacon in 1967, and has served as chairman of Deacons; and

WHEREAS, nowadays, Mr. White enjoys working with his new hunting dog early in the morning, working in his garden, his yard, the church yard, or someone else's yard, playing golf everyday, being a devoted, husband, father, and friend, and still keeping an eye on the business he started; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives and all the citizens of Louisiana take great pride in and recognize the benefits bestowed upon them by sharing a state with honorable, hardworking, and kind people like Mr. White.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Robert Owen White of Winnsboro, does hereby record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions, and does hereby wish him happiness and success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Robert Owen White.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES