

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 195

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

A RESOLUTION

To commend Charles W. Tapp of Baton Rouge upon his retirement as a highly respected lobbyist in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Charles W. Tapp as he retires after a long and distinguished career of excellence as both a dedicated public servant and in the private sector as a legendary Louisiana lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, Charles W. Tapp earned both a bachelor of arts and a master of arts degree in government from Louisiana State University and an additional thirty hours towards a doctor of philosophy in government from Duke University and LSU; and

WHEREAS, from 1954 until 1959, Mr. Tapp served as a researcher for the Louisiana Legislative Council while attending Louisiana State University, and from 1959 until 1962, he served as a political science instructor at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, covering the subjects of constitutional law, state and local government, public administration, and international law; and

WHEREAS, from 1962 until 1966, Mr. Tapp served as a researcher for the Public Affairs Research Council in Baton Rouge, conducting and publishing research on state government with a concentration on legislative reform, constitutional problems, state finance, grant-in-aid-schools, and related topics; and

WHEREAS, from 1966 until 1972, Mr. Tapp served as executive director of Community Advancement, Inc., in Baton Rouge, organizing and administering the anti-poverty agency for East Baton Rouge Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tapp served as the director of the state office of consumer protection from 1972 until 1981 as an appointee of the governor, a position in which he organized and administered the office charged with prohibiting unfair and deceptive trade practices; and

WHEREAS, from 1981 through 1984, Mr. Tapp served as director of policy analysis and coordination with the state Department of Education, supervising staff in analyzing policy matters for the state superintendent of education; and

WHEREAS, from 1984 through 2010, Mr. Tapp has handled governmental relations for the Beer Industry League of Louisiana, the Wine and Spirits Foundation of Louisiana, the Gulf Coast Conservation Association, and Lehman Williamson & Associates and has also conducted research on economic and governmental topics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tapp has been active in numerous professional, charitable, and civic organizations, including as a member of the board of directors for Capitol Transportation Corporation, Catholic Social Services, Mid-Louisiana Health Systems Agency, and the Louisiana Capitol Federal Credit Union, and as a member of the Consumer Advisory Council of the Federal Energy Administration; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many other achievements, Mr. Tapp served in the United States Army from 1950 through 1954 and later continued to serve in the United States Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Charles Tapp is highly regarded for earning the trust and admiration of the state's lawmakers and will forever be respected for his integrity by all who walk the halls of the capitol; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tapp brings a deep sense of pride and honor to his family, colleagues, and all of the friends he has made at the capitol throughout the course of his highly productive career, and, as he prepares to begin the next exciting chapter of his life, he merits a special measure of commendation for his many outstanding accomplishments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Charles W. Tapp of Baton Rouge upon his retirement as a highly respected lobbyist in the state of Louisiana, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his myriad achievements in both the public and private sectors, does hereby express sincere appreciation for his singular contributions to the legislative process, and does hereby extend to him every good wish for continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Charles W. Tapp.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES