



1           WHEREAS, in addition to his service in the House of Representatives, Judge  
2 Chaisson had a long and productive career serving the River Parishes and the greater New  
3 Orleans area as a special prosecutor and assistant district attorney for the Twenty-Ninth  
4 Judicial District Court from 1972 to 1975, as a judge in the Twenty-Ninth Judicial District  
5 Court from January 1982 through December 1996, as legal counsel to the Port of South  
6 Louisiana from April 2000 to April 2005 and as executive director of the Port of South  
7 Louisiana from April 2005 to July 2013; and

8           WHEREAS, Judge Chaisson is married to the former Bobbie Gullledge and they are  
9 the proud parents of Joel II, Robert, Walter, Paul, Jared, Maria, John, David, and Eve; and

10          WHEREAS, Judge Chaisson is a member of many professional and civic  
11 organizations including the American Bar Association, Louisiana Bar Association, American  
12 Judges Association, American Judicature Society, Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges  
13 Association, Twenty-Ninth Judicial District Bar Association, Louisiana State University  
14 Law Alumni Association, Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, World Trade Center of New  
15 Orleans, Committee of 100, Ports Association of Louisiana, American Association of Port  
16 Authorities, Gulf Ports Association of the Americas, Louisiana River Pilot Review and  
17 Oversight Board, Intermodal Association of North America, Mississippi Valley Trade and  
18 Transport Council, International Freight Forwarders and Custom Brokers Association of  
19 New Orleans, Inland Rivers Ports and Terminals, Red River Valley Association, and the  
20 Louisiana International Board of Commerce; and

21          WHEREAS, as he prepares to begin the next exciting and productive chapter of his  
22 life, Judge Chaisson merits a sincere measure of commendation for his singular contributions  
23 and the exemplary strides he has taken as an exceptional former member of the Louisiana  
24 House of Representatives, as a prosecutor and judge, and as the executive director of the Port  
25 of South Louisiana.

26          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
27 Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends the Honorable Joel T. Chaisson upon his  
28 selection as the recipient of the 2013 C. Alvin Bertel Award, hereby extends honor and  
29 recognition to him for his outstanding accomplishments, particularly as executive director  
30 of the Port of South Louisiana and during his tenure as a member of the Louisiana House of

1 Representatives, which was marked by his uncompromising endeavor to improve the welfare  
2 of his constituents in the New Orleans area, the River Parishes, and the citizens of the state  
3 of Louisiana, and hereby pays tribute to him for the generous and effective way in which he  
4 has dedicated his intelligence and energy to the service of his family, friends, community,  
5 the House of Representatives, and the state of Louisiana.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana House of Representatives hereby  
7 expresses enduring gratitude to Representative Chaisson for his service to the citizens of  
8 Louisiana as evidenced by his superlative achievements as a member of this distinguished  
9 body, and hereby extends to him the best wishes of all of his colleagues for continued  
10 prosperity and success in his future endeavors.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
12 to the Honorable Joel T. Chaisson.

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DIGEST

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Commends Judge Joel Chaisson for his many years of service to the state of Louisiana and upon his receipt of the 2013 C. Alvin Bertel Award.