

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 230

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends and expresses appreciation to the Honorable Taylor F. Barras, Speaker of the House, for his outstanding legislative service and recognizes his contributions to his district, the House, and the state

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Honorable Taylor F. Barras and to express enduring gratitude for his  
3 outstanding contributions to the parishes of Iberia, Lafayette, and St. Martin, the  
4 House of Representatives, and the state of Louisiana, particularly during his tenure  
5 as a distinguished member and speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

6 WHEREAS, Taylor F. Barras is a notable public servant who has served with  
7 excellence since taking office in 2008, during which time he has fully used every  
8 opportunity to serve the citizens of District No. 48 and the state in an honorable and  
9 dedicated manner; and

10 WHEREAS, a graduate of New Iberia Senior High School, he received a bachelor  
11 of science degree in accounting from Louisiana State University; and

12 WHEREAS, since January 11, 2016, Taylor F. Barras has served with great  
13 distinction as the sixty-eighth Speaker of the House, having made history as the third  
14 Republican to hold this position since the end of Reconstruction; and

15 WHEREAS, during his time in the House of Representatives, Speaker Barras has  
16 authored and supported many important pieces of legislation and has played a key role in the  
17 House's work on numerous state issues, including but not limited to championing fiscal  
18 reforms which has been informed by his thirty-five years of banking and financial  
19 experience; Speaker Barras deserves special commendation for leading the House of  
20 Representatives through not only four regular sessions, but also seven extraordinary

1 sessions, the highest number of special sessions in a term since the adoption of the  
2 Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974; and

3 WHEREAS, Speaker Barras's diligent committee service included serving as a  
4 member of the Atchafalaya Basin Program Oversight Committee, the House Committee on  
5 House and Governmental Affairs, the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and  
6 Cultural Affairs, the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Joint Legislative Committee  
7 on the Budget, the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, the Legislative Budgetary  
8 Control Council, and the State Bond Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2017, Speaker Barras was awarded the coveted Doc Hudson Cup,  
10 earning the title "Gentleman of the House"; named after former Representative Charles  
11 Hudson, the award recognizes the legislator who most exemplifies the qualities of decorum,  
12 respect, humor, and leadership; and

13 WHEREAS, Speaker Barras has been a proud member of the Acadiana Delegation,  
14 Republican Delegation, and Rural Caucus; and

15 WHEREAS, Taylor F. Barras is supported by his loving wife, Cheryl Lopez Barras;  
16 he is the proud father of Alex, father-in-law of Emily, and grandfather of Lainey Claire; and

17 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the state as a whole have benefitted  
18 tremendously from the leadership of Speaker Barras; and

19 WHEREAS, Speaker Barras has proven to be a vital asset to the state of Louisiana,  
20 and those who have worked with him have appreciated his passion and determination as the  
21 holder of the speaker's gavel; and

22 WHEREAS, as he prepares to embark on the next exciting and productive chapter  
23 of his life, Speaker Barras merits a sincere measure of commendation for his singular  
24 contributions and the exemplary strides he has taken as an exceptional member and speaker  
25 of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
27 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Taylor F. Barras; does hereby  
28 extend honor and recognition to him for his outstanding accomplishments, particularly  
29 during his tenure as a member and speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, which  
30 has been marked by his uncompromising endeavors to improve the welfare of his

1 constituents in the parishes of Iberia, Lafayette, and St. Martin and the citizens of the state  
2 of Louisiana; and does hereby pay tribute to him for the generous and effective way in which  
3 he has dedicated his intelligence and his energy to the service of his family, friends,  
4 community, and state.

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

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
11 Honorable Taylor F. Barras.

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