

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 230

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER, ABRAHAM, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, ANDERS, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, BOURRIAQUE, BRASS, CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DUBUISSON, DUPLESSIS, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, GUINN, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HENRY, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, ROBERT JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, LACOMBE, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LEBAS, LEOPOLD, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MARINO, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, MOORE, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, MOSS, MUSCARELLO, NORTON, PEARSON, PIERRE, POPE, PUGH, PYLANT, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SEABAUGH, SIMON, SMITH, STAGNI, STEFANSKI, STOKES, TALBOT, THOMAS, TURNER, WHITE, WRIGHT, AND ZERINGUE

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, during his time in the House of Representatives, Speaker Barras has authored and supported many important pieces of legislation and has played a key role in the House's work on numerous state issues, including but not limited to championing fiscal reforms which has been informed by his thirty-five years of banking and financial

experience; Speaker Barras deserves special commendation for leading the House of Representatives through not only four regular sessions, but also seven extraordinary sessions, the highest number of special sessions in a term since the adoption of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Taylor F. Barras; does hereby extend honor and recognition to him for his outstanding accomplishments, particularly during his tenure as a member and speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, which

has been marked by his uncompromising endeavors to improve the welfare of his constituents in the parishes of Iberia, Lafayette, and St. Martin and the citizens of the state of Louisiana; and does hereby pay tribute to him for the generous and effective way in which he has dedicated his intelligence and his energy to the service of his family, friends, community, and state.

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES