

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

A RESOLUTION

To commend John L. Pennison upon his retirement as deputy director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend John L. Pennison upon his retirement as deputy director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District and to recognize him for his unwavering dedication to public service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison was born on August 21, 1955, in Plaquemines Parish, he attended Delta Heritage Academy in Buras, Louisiana, he married Myra Sue Gandy on May 14, 1983, and they are the loving parents of their only daughter, Melanie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison attended Louisiana State University, majoring in business administration, after which he worked in the retail inventory auditing business for twenty-five years as an area, district, and regional manager; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison began working on the Mississippi River at the young age of thirteen as a deckhand on-board the Port's patrol vessel, and in 2004, he began his career with the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District serving as engineer on the Port's rescue boats, and, after earning his captain's license in only eight months, served as rescue boat captain until 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison assumed the position as Port Assistant Manager in 2007, was promoted to the position of Port Manager in July of 2009, and was ultimately promoted to Deputy Port Director in April 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison currently maintains a United States Coast Guard Masters License and is active in the maritime navigation industry, serving as a navigational consultant in the shallow draft oil industry, particularly in the coastal areas of Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison was appointed to the Louisiana Coastal Ports Advisory Authority as the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District representative in 2013, which makes recommendations for the improvements to the ports of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison was appointed by the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security in August of 2013, as the Port's representative on the Lower Mississippi River Waterways Safety Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison will always remain an inspiration to his fellow citizens for the vital contributions he has made in his long career of very effective public service, and he merits the highest commendation and most sincere congratulations for his exemplary term of service and for the tremendous pride, honor, and joy that he brings to all who know and love him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennison should enjoy his well earned retirement and fishing the marshes of Plaquemines Parish in his new boat.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend John L. Pennison upon his retirement as deputy director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District; does hereby recognize and record for posterity the deep and abiding appreciation of his fellow citizens for his exemplary public service and his friendship; and does hereby extend to him best wishes for success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. John L. Pennison.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES