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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 82

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

A RESOLUTION

To commend Walt Leger, III, speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives, upon being named the 2018 Louisiana State University Young Alumnus of the Year and his induction into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction.

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2018, Louisiana State University alumni are gathering in celebration of those being inducted into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction, including Walt Leger, III, the 2018 Young Alumnus of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves through their careers, personal and civic accomplishments, volunteer activities, and loyalty to their alma mater; the Young Alumnus of the Year Award recognizes alumni under the age of forty who have attained professional prominence early in their careers; and

WHEREAS, a 2000 graduate of Louisiana State University, Walt Leger, III, was first elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives as the representative for District No. 91 in the fall of 2007, was sworn in on January 14, 2008, and was re-elected without opposition in 2011 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, the youngest member to ever hold the position, Representative Leger was unanimously chosen by his colleagues to serve as the speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives in 2012 and again in 2016; and

WHEREAS, since his service in this important role began more than six years ago, Representative Leger has, time and again, demonstrated his outstanding leadership abilities, serving consistently as an expert on various complex policy issues being considered by the House and a builder of consensus among the body's various caucuses and delegations during some of the most challenging times in the state's recent history; and

WHEREAS, Representative Leger has also exhibited true grace under pressure when leading the House through chamber proceedings, a grace demonstrated by his deft handling of stacks of conference committee reports as the clock ticked toward *sine die* and his statesmanship when presiding calmly and effectively over heated debates in the seven regular sessions and five extraordinary sessions during which he has served as speaker pro tempore; and

WHEREAS, in the years since his graduation from LSU, Representative Leger has continued to support and give back to his alma mater in many ways, including his participation in the LSU Redistricting Summit in January of 2018 as a member of the "Looking Ahead: Opportunities for Reform" panel; and

WHEREAS, the son of Walter John Leger, Jr., and Catherine Buras Vidos, Representative Leger graduated from Jesuit High School in New Orleans, LSU with a bachelor's degree in political science, and Tulane University Law School with a juris doctor degree and certificate in maritime law; and

WHEREAS, Representative Leger, on top of his highly productive legislative service, maintains a busy law practice as an attorney at Leger & Shaw in New Orleans; formerly, he served with distinction as an assistant district attorney for Orleans Parish; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his significant accomplishments as a skilled attorney and committed public servant, Representative Leger is the devoted husband of Danielle Doiron Leger and the proud father of Cate and has another daughter on the way; and

WHEREAS, the colors of purple and gold are woven deeply into the fabric of Representative Leger's family, as his wife, both of his parents, and all of his siblings and their spouses are also graduates of LSU; and

WHEREAS, Walt Leger, III, through his unwavering dedication to the state's flagship university, has left an indelible mark on the place where stately oaks and broad magnolias shade inspiring halls, and he truly exemplifies what it means to be "Forever LSU".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Walt Leger, III, speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives, upon his induction into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction and recognition as the 2018 Young Alumnus of the Year and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor he brings to his fellow LSU alumni and his friends and colleagues in the House of Representatives on this memorable and historic occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Walt Leger, III, speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES