

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Friends of Black Bayou upon the dedication in memory of three extraordinary founders and friends, George Mouk, David Tyler, and Jim Moore.

WHEREAS, the Friends of Black Bayou, Incorporated, is a nonprofit community organization formed in 1997 to support the protection and enhancement of Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge, a four thousand five hundred acre area that includes one thousand seven hundred acres of wetlands in Ouachita Parish; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its efforts to protect and improve the Black Bayou National Wildlife Refuge through its annual fall celebration, development of curriculum materials, and other measures, the Friends of Black Bayou was named the top refuge friends group in the country in 2004; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Friends of Black Bayou is recognizing three special members for their invaluable contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Black Bayou is honoring George Mouk for his vision of protecting the unique habitat of Black Bayou Lake by establishing a refuge to ensure that generations to come will be able to enjoy Ouachita Parish's natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Black Bayou is honoring David Tyler for leading and laboring in the restoration of the plantation house that serves as the Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge Visitors' Center; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Black Bayou is honoring artist Jim Moore for designing the Friends of Black Bayou logo and writing a book of poems on life at the refuge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mouk, Mr. Tyler, and Mr. Moore merit a special measure of posthumous recognition in remembrance of their unwavering dedication and singular contributions to the Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Friends of Black Bayou upon the dedication in memory of three outstanding founding members, George Mouk, David Tyler, and Jim Moore, and does hereby extend sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the preservation of such a valuable and beloved part of this great state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Friends of Black Bayou and to the families of George Mouk, David Tyler, and Jim Moore.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES