

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Ray Escuriex, Sr., upon being named New Iberia 2017 Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, every year, *The Daily Iberian* selects as its Citizen of the Year a person or group whose generosity and contributions to the community stand out; Ray Escuriex, Sr., was chosen for this honor in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Escuriex graduated from New Iberia Senior High School in 1948, volunteered in the U.S. Navy reserves, and spent decades working in architecture; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Ray Escuriex, Sr., has been an active member of the Iberia Parish community who has dedicated much of his time and energy to service; and

WHEREAS, the organizations Mr. Escuriex has served include the Boy Scouts, Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce, Iberia Performing Arts League, Little League, New Iberia Recreation Department Softball Hall of Fame, Shadows-on-the-Teche, United Way, and World Championship Gumbo Cookoff; and

WHEREAS, the work Ray has done for New Iberia has been recognized several times over the years, including the 1983 Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Escuriex briefly served as New Iberia's mayor pro tempore; other roles he has filled include auctioneer, announcer, coordinator, and goodwill ambassador; and

WHEREAS, Iberia Crime Stoppers has been one of his favorite projects; Iberia Crime Stoppers was formed in 2017 with the goal of providing an outlet for residents to anonymously provide tips about crime in New Iberia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Escuriex has been involved in the Optimist Club for more than sixty years and has served state-appointed roles for the organization; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, he and his wife, Dorothy, celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary; they have nine children, twenty-four grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as a father of young children, Ray would always bring one of his kids along with him when he volunteered; he served as a beautiful example for them of how to contribute to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Excuriex merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for his commitment to service of the people of Iberia Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ray Escuriex, Sr., upon being named 2017 Citizen of the Year by *The Daily Iberian*; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his notable accomplishments and manifold contributions to Iberia Parish; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to his family, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ray Escuriex, Sr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES