

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 149

BY SENATORS LONG AND GALLOT AND REPRESENTATIVE DOVE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Clay A. Carter on the occasion of his retirement from the state land office,
Division of Administration.

WHEREAS, Clay A. Carter was born December 18, 1953, in Baton Rouge to Robert T. Carter Jr., and Ellen A. Carter; and

WHEREAS, while he was a child, he learned about land, forests and wildlife from his father, who also taught him how to work, how to manage forests, and how to conduct timber surveys; and

WHEREAS, from both parents, he learned impeccable manners and respect for others; and

WHEREAS, all of those lessons have helped him throughout his years working for the state and with the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Clay graduated from Bogalusa High School in 1971, and earned his Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in 1976; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Clay worked as a private forester until becoming the forester for the state land office in 1991; and

WHEREAS, for a brief time he served as the interim public lands administrator for the state land office in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Clay eventually became the public lands utilization manager, and became an expert in state and federal land patents and title records maintained by the state land office; and

WHEREAS, Clay effectively managed and defended the public lands and water bottoms of the state of Louisiana for over eighteen years, including the public rights to use state lands and waters for boating, hunting and fishing, and state regulation of oil, gas, pipeline and electrical transmission line activities across public lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, Clay supported and advised numerous state agencies on matters affecting their interests in timber, oil and gas, property ownership, boundary disputes, and public rights of use and navigation, including the division of administration, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Department of Natural Resources, the office of conservation, the State Mineral and Energy Board, and the Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, Clay's commitment to serving the public and his loyalty to the state is unmatched, his determination to do right is unwavering, and his willingness to work is immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, Clay met and married his beloved wife, Barbara, a mere thirty-one years ago in June of 1983; and

WHEREAS, Clay and Barbara have two sons, Lee, who is a veteran of the United States Army and is a lead inspector in the Gulf of Mexico for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, and Thomas, who is a marketing major at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; and

WHEREAS, like their father, Lee and Thomas have a deep love and affection for the forests, rivers and the natural environment of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Clay and Barbara are extremely proud of and love their sons and are excited that Clay's retirement will allow both of them to spend more time with their sons; and

WHEREAS, his personal and professional drive, abilities, and skills have resulted in many accomplishments and advancements in the management of the state's public lands to the betterment of the state; and

WHEREAS, Clay made many personal sacrifices throughout his twenty-two year career in public service to the state and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Clay frequently appeared before the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment testifying about various state land issues; and

WHEREAS, his input and information was always of great importance to both committees and he repeatedly demonstrated himself to be a valuable and knowledgeable asset to the committees; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Clay plans to enjoy life by taking long walks, planting and tending to his garden, and spending more time with his wife and sons; and

WHEREAS, Clay A. Carter merits the highest commendation and sincere congratulations for his exemplary service and for his outstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana and its citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Clay A. Carter for his service with the state land office, division of administration and for his exceptional career and service to the state and its citizens, and does hereby recognize and record for posterity his vital contributions and tireless and self-sacrificing dedication to the state of Louisiana, and does also hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Clay A. Carter.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES