

2019 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Tom Kelly on his accomplishments in the newspaper industry.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Tom Kelly on his accomplishments in the newspaper industry.

3 WHEREAS, Tom Kelly began his newspaper career as a reporter for the *Winn Parish*
4 *Enterprise* in December, 1949; and

5 WHEREAS, in his first ten years, he served in various positions at the *Sevier County-*
6 *News Record* in Sevierville, Tennessee, the *Gladewater Daily Mirror* in Gladewater, Texas,
7 and the *Natchitoches Enterprise*; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1959, Mr. Kelly joined the *Jennings Daily News* as managing editor,
9 and in 1962, he became a partner and publisher of the *Ruston Daily Leader* for twelve years,
10 at which time he moved to Slidell, Louisiana, where he managed the *Slidell Daily Times*; and

11 WHEREAS, he was an organizer and president of the Enterprise Group, Inc., a
12 newspaper ownership and management company that published properties in Louisiana,
13 Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Florida; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly attempted semi-retirement when he moved to Las Cruces,
15 New Mexico, but soon realized there was a weekly newspaper for sale in a neighboring
16 town, Hatch, New Mexico, and purchased and ran the newspaper for ten years; and

17 WHEREAS, his most recent venture in the newspaper industry has been a
18 twenty-two year labor of love that started in 1997 when he kicked off the *Piney Woods*

1 *Journal* in his hometown of Dodson, Louisiana; and

2 WHEREAS, the *Piney Woods Journal* is an award winning monthly publication
3 specializing in the coverage of forestry and agriculture interests in Louisiana, Texas, and the
4 mid-south region of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, he continued in that role until he sold the newspaper in March, 2019,
6 and currently serves as a columnist for the newspaper; and

7 WHEREAS, Tom Kelly, one of Louisiana's finest sons, merits a special measure of
8 commendation for his singular achievements in the newspaper industry; and

9 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
10 and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication
11 of people like Tom Kelly.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 commend and congratulate Tom Kelly on his outstanding accomplishments in the newspaper
14 industry, and does hereby record for posterity the pride and honor that he brings to his
15 family, friends, community, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
17 Tom Kelly.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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