

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY SENATORS LONG AND JOHNS AND REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Sam Houston Jones on his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame was created by an act of the Louisiana Legislature in 1987 as a state museum dedicated to the preservation of the history of Louisiana politics; and

WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet was held on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the Cajundome Convention Center in Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, Sam Houston Jones was honored as an inductee at the banquet; and

WHEREAS, he was born in Merryville in Beauregard Parish on July 15, 1897, and proudly served in the United States Army during World War I, before returning home and earning a law degree from Louisiana State University Law Center in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, early in his career he practiced law in DeRidder and Lake Charles, where he served as assistant district attorney for nine years, and in 1922 served as a delegate to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention, and from 1925 to 1934 he served as an assistant district attorney in the 14th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, following a number of state political scandals, in 1940 he challenged the incumbent governor Earl K. Long and won the election on a promise of honest government; and

WHEREAS, his administration is credited with enacting civil service legislation, establishing competitive bidding for state purchases, abolishing the practice of annual voter registration, and for continuing policies that helped the state's citizens, including free lunches for school children, equal pay for teachers, increased funding for state colleges, and aid to the elderly, blind, and to indigent families, and is credited with creating the Public Affairs Research Council; and

WHEREAS, his political legacy of honest and fair government and his efforts to help all of Louisiana's citizens have earned him a place in the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Sam Houston Jones on being inducted into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Sam Houston Jones.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES