

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 88

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Lily Acosta Galland, Norco Communications and Social Performance Manager, upon the occasion of her retirement after thirty-three years of service.

WHEREAS, Lily Acosta Galland, a Norco native, began her career with Shell Oil Company at its Norco manufacturing complex in 1979; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years of employment at the Shell Norco facility, Galland developed and led numerous educational and economic development programs to improve the quality of life in the River Parishes area; and

WHEREAS, in the pursuit of improving her community, Galland developed the award-winning Shell Partners in Education program, continuing to support it throughout its implementation; and

WHEREAS, believing that education is the key to bettering her community and the economic lives of the people in Norco, and all of St. Charles and St. John parishes, Galland founded the River Parishes Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the River Parishes Education Foundation is a coalition of business and industry, government, educators, and interested citizens working together to improve education and workforce preparedness in the region by recognizing issues, promoting community involvement, and providing teacher grants and student scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Galland has served as chairperson of both the former River Area Council-Chamber of Commerce and the New Orleans Regional Chamber's Area Councils Coordinating Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, while serving in the capacity of chairperson of these groups, Galland led the River Area Transitioning Committee, which formed the new River Region Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Galland continued to serve her community as a member of the executive committee and board of directors of the former New Orleans Regional Chamber and MetroVision and as the charter president of the Professional Women of the River Region, an organization that promoted and supported business, education, cultural, and civic interests; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Galland was recognized by the YWCA as a "YWCA Role Model", a reflection of her tireless efforts in supporting both education and business in the River Parishes area; and

WHEREAS, continuing her efforts to further serve the people in the Norco and River Parishes area, in 1993 Galland was named president of the St. Charles Parish United Way and has served as a board member of both the St. Charles and St. John United Way organizations; and

WHEREAS, also in 1993, Galland received the prestigious "Business/Education Leader" award from the University of New Orleans, in recognition of her many achievements in serving and leading her community; and

WHEREAS, Galland was also instrumental in the development of the Norco Economic Development Foundation, which focuses on business and workforce development and the Norco Community Fund, which provides grants to nonprofit organizations serving Norco; and

WHEREAS, following her retirement from Norco, Galland will continue her long service to her community as director of the Norco Economic Development Foundation and the Norco Community Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Lily Acosta Galland for her many years of exemplary service to the Shell Oil Company, Norco manufacturing complex, and to the citizens of Norco and the River Parishes region on the occasion of her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

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recognizes the many contributions she has made to the betterment of the education and business climate for the citizens of the River Parishes region and her hometown of Norco.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Lily Acosta Galland of Norco, Louisiana.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES