

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

BY SENATORS JACKSON AND SHAW

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Forrest Dunn, former member of the House of Representatives on the occasion of his retirement as director of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum in Shreveport.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Forrest Dunn upon his retirement as director of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, where he served with great distinction for over eleven years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Plain Dealing and resident of Shreveport, Mr. Dunn attended Bossier High School and served two years in the United States Navy, having been stationed aboard the U.S.S. Richmond; and

WHEREAS, a salesman for a number of years after returning home to Louisiana, he started the Dunn Furniture Company in Shreveport, which operated for three decades; and

WHEREAS, he began his distinguished career in public service when he was elected to the Caddo Parish School Board in 1969; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to serve District 3 in the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1971 and among many accomplishments, he fought to transform Louisiana State University-Shreveport into a four year institution, called for the appointment of a state superintendent of education, and obtained state funds for a master plan for the Louisiana State Fair; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as director of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum in 1998, where he has worked to bring to Shreveport new exhibits of interest to a wide segment of the community; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership the museum became the only Smithsonian Institute affiliate in the state, completed the enormous task of restoring the prized frescoes and bas-relief in the rotunda as well as the original artwork throughout the building, and showed regular outstanding national exhibits, including the acclaimed exhibits on Governors Huey P. Long and Earl K. Long, Helen Keller, and the Pulitzer Prize; and

WHEREAS, because of his dedication to preserving and enhancing the museum, as well as his commitment to bettering the area in which he lives, Mr. Dunn was named by the Shreveport Times as an outstanding leader in the Shreveport/Bossier community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Forrest Dunn on his retirement from the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum after more than eleven years of dedicated service, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his myriad achievements, does hereby express sincere appreciation for his singular contributions to preserving and protecting a Louisiana treasure, and does hereby extend to him and his family every good wish for continued success and happiness in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Forrest Dunn.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES