

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY SENATOR BROWN

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Desire "Peanut" Alleman Jr. on receiving the James O. Modisette Award for Outstanding Louisiana Public Library Trustee for 2016.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Desire "Peanut" Alleman Jr. on receiving the James O. Modisette Award for  
3 Outstanding Louisiana Public Library Trustee for 2016.

4 WHEREAS, the James O. Modisette Award is presented annually by the Louisiana  
5 Library Association to a public library trustee to commemorate distinguished service to a  
6 Louisiana public library board; and

7 WHEREAS, Desire "Peanut" Alleman has worked diligently to improve library  
8 services in Assumption Parish, primarily through his service on the parish board; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Alleman was appointed to the Assumption Parish Library Board  
10 of Control in July 2006, and has served as president of the parish board since his election to  
11 that position in January 2012; and

12 WHEREAS, as part of his exceptional service to libraries in Assumption Parish, Mr.  
13 Alleman has worked tirelessly to establish a new branch library in Belle Rose, which will  
14 open in 2017; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Alleman has also served as chairman of the Assumption Parish  
16 Library Festival; and

17 WHEREAS, the Assumption Parish board oversees a main branch in Napoleonville,  
18 Louisiana and branches in Labadieville, Pierre Part, and Bayou L'ourse in Morgan City,

1 Louisiana; and

2 WHEREAS, Assumption Parish is the threshold to the Atchafalaya Basin and the  
3 western area of the parish is a labyrinth of bayous and swamps that hamper travel between  
4 towns and cities of the parish, which makes the establishment of branch libraries more  
5 critical to provide access to library services in the parish, realities that drove Mr. Alleman's  
6 effort on behalf of the new branch in Belle Rose; and

7 WHEREAS, the first library in Assumption Parish, called the Napoleonville  
8 circulating library, opened in 1900, but interest in a library waned and it closed early in the  
9 twentieth century; and

10 WHEREAS, after years without a library in the parish and various attempts to  
11 reestablish a library proved unsuccessful, eventually, a library was to be opened on a trial  
12 basis in 1968, but there remained serious concerns about permanent funding; and

13 WHEREAS, within the first week that the new library was open, twenty-seven  
14 percent of the population of the parish had registered to borrow books at the library, after  
15 which neither the commitment of the people to the library nor the funding of the library for  
16 the future were in question; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Alleman's commitment to providing an exceptional public library  
18 system in Assumption Parish has been the hallmark of his more than ten years of service on  
19 the library board; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Alleman's efforts did not go unnoticed and resulted in the  
21 extraordinary honor of being tapped for the Modisette Award; and

22 WHEREAS, as a life long resident of Assumption Parish, Mr. Alleman has been a  
23 witness to and a driving force for the growth of the library system and for the establishment  
24 of that system as a priority for all the people of Assumption Parish.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
26 does hereby commend Desire "Peanut" Alleman Jr. on receiving the James O. Modisette  
27 Award for Outstanding Louisiana Public Library Trustee for 2016.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
29 Desire "Peanut" Alleman Jr.

