

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 175

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Robert Roy Adley for his years as a statesman of the highest caliber, for his excellent participation in the affairs of state and local government, and his military service to his country.

WHEREAS, it is indeed appropriate to congratulate Senator Robert Adley for his contributions made on behalf of constituents in the northwest parishes and for the betterment of the state of Louisiana as a whole, particularly his commitment as a distinguished member of the Louisiana State Senate representing District No. 36 and the Louisiana House of Representatives representing District No. 8 for a total of twenty-nine years of exemplary legislative service; and

WHEREAS, Robert Adley, a businessman in natural gas management, was first engaged in political life with elections to the Bossier Parish Recreation Board, the Bossier City Civil Service Board, and the Bossier City Council; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, when Robert Adley won election to House of Representatives District No. 8, to represent Bossier Parish, his father shared a bit of sage advice, "When you get to Baton Rouge, the only thing you take is my good name. Be sure to bring it home"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Adley has honored his father's wishes and sustained a legacy of conservatism and fiscal reform that reflects those independent characteristics he inherited; and

WHEREAS, while in the House of Representatives, Mr. Adley held membership on the standing committees for Natural Resources, Commerce, Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, and Health and Welfare, sharpened his skills as chairman of Appropriations, and advanced legislation as the House Floor Leader for Governor Charles "Buddy" Roemer; and

WHEREAS, after an unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign in 1995, Adley was elected to Senate District No. 36 in a special election held to fill the unexpired term of friend and former classmate, Foster Campbell; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, Robert Adley has aggressively represented the needs of the district and remained accessible to his constituency in the district that encompasses all of Bienville and Webster parishes and portions of Claiborne, Red River, and Bossier parishes; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Senate, he took particular interest in legislation to address the issues of conservation, campaign finance disclosure, infrastructure funding, water quality, aquatic weed eradication, economic development, vocational training, rural health care funding, governmental ethics reform, and capital outlay; and

WHEREAS, he lent his expertise to Senate committees on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and Environmental Quality as vice chairman, Judiciary C and Transportation, Highways, and Public Works as chairman, and made substantial contributions to Senate select committees on Veterans Affairs as chairman and Vocational and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, Senator Adley paid close attention to the state fisc as an active member of the Legislative Audit Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, as a veteran of the United States Marine Corps who served his country in the Vietnam War, Senator Adley was instrumental in creation of the Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal, an award that is presented to Louisiana military personnel to recognize veterans for their honorable military service and to thank the families of deceased veterans for their sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, stated, "Once a marine, always a marine!" and Senator Adley still upholds the motto of the corps, *Semper fidelis*, always faithful, with a singular premise that no soldier should ever be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, each year Senator Adley acknowledges the memory of those fallen comrades-in-arms that served on active duty by authoring condolence memorials rendered to the family of deceased military personnel recognizing the ultimate sacrifice made on

behalf of freedom and country; it is a fitting reminder of the warrior who perished but is not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Ark-La-Tex Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America honored Senator Adley for his service and recognized his continued support of veterans issues in the legislature; he is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); and

WHEREAS, Senator Adley has been the deserving recipient of numerous honors and awards throughout the course of an extraordinary career, and his professional, civic, and business affiliations are many and include past president of the Louisiana Jaycees and a member of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association; and

WHEREAS, in the Senate, Robert Adley is known as a tenacious fighter who stands by his beliefs; he is a dragon-slayer in committee and a worthy opponent in any debate; however, sensitive to the plight of others, he has a soft-hearted side as well that emerges to address the rights of the underdog and those underserved by the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, he is a loving husband to Claudia Henagan Adley, and together they have experienced a wonderful life story with many future chapters left to write as they return to private life; and

WHEREAS, Senator Adley takes great pride in the success of his son, Brandon, a doctor of veterinary medicine, yet carries a father's loss of a second son, Brice Cort Adley, who predeceased him in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Robert Adley is a Christian of deep and abiding faith who acts as a Lay Leader in the United Methodist Church of Benton and regularly attends and addresses the Senators' Prayer Breakfast; and

WHEREAS, as he prepares to begin the next chapter of his life, Senator Adley deserves hardy commendation for the strides he has taken to improve state government as an exceptional member of the Louisiana State Senate and the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Robert Adley has earned the respect of his peers and the unceasing gratitude of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, in particular, the people of Bossier Parish and all of Northwest Louisiana, who have been enriched immeasurably by his good works; and

WHEREAS, in the Holy Bible, the scripture from Psalms, Chapter 19, Verse 14, reads, "*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*"; Senator Robert Adley walks in faith, bears witness to the Lord's eternal grace, and gives thanks to his savior, Jesus Christ, for his many blessings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Robert R. Adley and does hereby extend honor and recognition for his many accomplishments, particularly his three decades of extraordinary service to the Legislature of Louisiana, which has been marked by his uncompromising actions to improve the welfare of the citizens of the state, and does hereby pay tribute to him for the generous and effective way in which he has dedicated his intelligence and energy to the service of his community, family, state, and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its hardest congratulations to Senator Adley for his legislative service and that his colleagues convey best wishes for every success in his future pursuits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Robert Adley, distinguished legislator from Senatorial District 36.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE