

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 175

BY SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, FANNIN, GATTI, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Dale M. Erdey on his years of distinguished public service in the Legislature of Louisiana and to express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions made on behalf of his constituents of the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and Tangipahoa, and the state of Louisiana, particularly his service in the Louisiana Senate representing District No. 13.

WHEREAS, Dale M. Erdey is a real estate and insurance agent in Livingston, Louisiana, and a Republican member of the Louisiana State Senate representing District 13; and

WHEREAS, he is a former member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, having served two terms representing District 71 in Livingston Parish from 2000 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, Senator Erdey graduated from Doyle High School, and in 1976, received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, he was elected mayor of Livingston, following in his father's footsteps, and served in that capacity until 1997; and

WHEREAS, Senator Erdey is a member of the Greater Denham Springs Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis International, the Masonic lodge, and the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of the Livingston United Methodist Church, and has two daughters, Lindsey and Ashlyn; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, Senator Erdey spearheaded numerous highway improvements, including the

widening of I-12 from O'Neal Lane to Walker, the I-12 and Juban Road interchange, interchange enhancements at Walker and Denham Springs, the Highway 16 expansion between Denham Springs and Watson, as well as three new bridges across the Amite River; and

WHEREAS, he also worked to secure additional funding for widening Juban Road from I-12 to US 190 and extending Cook Road from Pete's Highway to Juban Road; and

WHEREAS, Senator Erdey lobbied and won approval from the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and the State Bond Commission for the state's participation in the Bass Pro Shops development project, bringing three hundred jobs and millions of dollars into the state and local economies; and

WHEREAS, he has consistently fought for teacher and support personnel pay raises and passed legislation that provided \$11 million in additional teachers pay for sixteen school districts, supported over \$627 million in teacher pay raises, and in 2010, was awarded Legislator of the Year by the Child Care Association of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Senator Erdey has consistently supported tax-relief legislation, reducing over \$1 billion in taxes over the last six years, including repeal of the Stelly Tax which lowered personal income taxes, and he also supported the Louisiana Sales Tax Holiday, and repealing the state inheritance tax and the state gift tax; and

WHEREAS, he fought for flood control and successfully worked with area legislators and leaders to secure state funds for the Comite River Diversion Canal which will dramatically reduce flooding along the Amite and Comite rivers, and also fought for legislation that addressed the affordability and availability problems crippling Louisiana's insureds, including the abolishment of the politically-appointed Insurance Rating Commission; and

WHEREAS, Senator Erdey supported ethics reform legislation for state and local officials that set the bar for other states across the nation to follow, authored legislation prohibiting the use of cell phones while operating a motor vehicle, and providing scholarships to any child of state employees who were or are killed in the performance of their duties conducting investigations, serving subpoenas, warrants, pleadings, or other orders of the court, or collecting evidence; and

WHEREAS, as he prepares for the next productive chapter of his life, Senator Erdey and his wife, Deana, share their happiness in the company of family, close friends, and colleagues, and the Erdey family shall continue to have a positive effect on their community for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dale M. Erdey deserves a special measure of commendation for the exemplary strides he has made as an exceptional member of the Legislature of Louisiana, and he has proven himself to those he represents to be "a true man of the people".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Dale M. Erdey, extending honor and recognition to him for his outstanding accomplishments, particularly during his tenure as a member of the Louisiana State Senate and the Louisiana House of Representatives, which has been marked by his uncompromising endeavors to improve the welfare of his constituents and the citizens of the state of Louisiana, 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 family, friends, community, state, and country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby expresses enduring gratitude to Senator Dale M. Erdey for his service to the citizens of Louisiana, as evidenced by his superlative achievements as a member of this distinguished body, and hereby extends to him the best wishes of all of his colleagues for continued prosperity and success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Dale M. Erdey of Louisiana Senatorial District 13.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE