

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 192

BY SENATORS BROWN AND GARY SMITH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Joel Chaisson II, former Senate President, upon his successful election as District Attorney for St. Charles Parish.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the Honorable Joel Thomas Chaisson II, former President of
3 the Louisiana State Senate, upon his successful election as St. Charles Parish District
4 Attorney.

5 WHEREAS, after nearly three decades of dedicated public service to the constituents
6 of the parishes of St. Charles, Lafourche, and St. John the Baptist as a parish councilman,
7 and as both a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the state Senate,
8 Joel Chaisson II continues to serve the people of St. Charles Parish, this time as their District
9 Attorney; and

10 WHEREAS, he began his political career in 1983, upon graduation from the LSU
11 Paul M. Hebert Law Center, when at the age of twenty-three he won his first election for an
12 at-large seat on the St. Charles Parish Council; a feat that ranked him as the youngest
13 parish-wide elected official in the state at that time; and

14 WHEREAS, earlier this year, a special election was held to fill the unexpired term
15 of retiring St. Charles District Attorney Harry Morel; and

16 WHEREAS, Joel Chaisson II ran unopposed in that special election when no other
17 candidate stepped forward to qualify; and

18 WHEREAS, District Attorney Joel Chaisson II comes to the office well qualified

1 from his vast experience in the House of Representatives with committee assignments that
2 included civil law and procedure, insurance, labor and industrial relations, judiciary, ways
3 and means, and the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay; and as a senator with
4 service on committees for Judiciary C, transportation, highways, and public works, health
5 and welfare, and education; and

6 WHEREAS, he ascended to the position of Senate President in 2008, with an
7 affirmative nod from his fellow senators based upon his reputation as a consensus builder
8 of successful solutions to complex problems; and

9 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Senate, he had been a moving force in election
10 reform, in strengthening criminal penalties, in particular, certain DWI offenses, in addressing
11 liability, medical malpractice, and in criminal injustice, compensation for those who seek
12 post conviction relief; and

13 WHEREAS, Joel Chaisson II assumed the office of District Attorney for St. Charles
14 Parish on June 1, 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, Joel Chaisson, II is certain to make a seamless transition to head the
16 Office of District Attorney with the assistance of retired District Attorney Morel and the
17 experienced parochial employees of St. Charles Parish.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
19 does hereby commend and congratulate the Honorable Joel Chaisson II, upon his unopposed
20 election as the new District Attorney of St. Charles Parish.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 Honorable Joel T. Chaisson II.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

DIGEST

Brown

SR No.

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Attorney.