

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 229

BY SENATOR JOHN SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Francis Caldwell upon being named Citizen of the Year for 2019 by the Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, Francis Caldwell has lived in DeRidder, Louisiana, since 1955, where she worked in real estate, maintaining her license until she was ninety years old; and

WHEREAS, while living in DeRidder, Mrs. Caldwell says that she "was always honored to have been able to help people find good places to live," reflecting on her career that spanned fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Dean, former president of the Beauregard Chamber of Commerce and the leader credited with instituting the citizen of the year recognition during her term, presented the award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dean gave a short speech, praising Mrs. Caldwell for her many contributions to her community over the span of many years, saying that she spoke to so many people and all had positive things to say about Mrs. Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dean also said "You follow great footsteps, but no one can hold a candle to Francis Caldwell"; and

WHEREAS, Artie Carhee also spoke briefly, saying "It is our honor to give you this award ... I wish I could be more like you", continuing that Caldwell had "given her life to our community"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caldwell became emotional with all the praise, but she expressed her gratitude for the award; and

WHEREAS, Francis Caldwell continued, saying "When we first moved here [to Louisiana], I thought I'd move back to Texas. Well, all I can say is that something happens to you when you move to Louisiana"; and

WHEREAS, celebrating her honor with friends and a thankful community, Francis Caldwell laughed and visited with all those who came to the ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Francis Caldwell spent more than fifty years of her life finding the perfect homes for clients and contributing to her community in a meaningful way beyond her efforts as a skilled realtor and impacted the lives of many beyond her real estate clients.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Francis Caldwell upon being named Citizen of the Year for 2019 by the Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Francis Caldwell at Westwood Manor in DeRidder.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE