

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Jimmy L. Anthony upon his retirement after over forty years of service with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and thank him for his long and committed service to the state of Louisiana and its citizens.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and honor that Jimmy Anthony is recognized for his many years of committed and selfless service to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Anthony is a true North Louisianian, born and reared in Monroe, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy is a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Monroe where he received his Master of Science in Biology; and

WHEREAS, he is a loving, dedicated and devoted husband; he married the love of his life, the lovely Connie Hampton Anthony and together they were blessed with two wonderful children, Chris Anthony and Alyssa Anthony Walker and five cherished grandchildren Victor, Alex, Sophie, Joey, and Juliette; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy always dreamed of following in the footsteps of his uncle who worked for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as an enforcement agent from 1978 through 1992; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy started his career at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on March 15, 1976, as a student worker, operating radios in the enforcement division's Monroe office; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy served as a biologist within the fisheries division, a wildlife specialist, and a wildlife management supervisor in the wildlife division; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as biologist program manager for the department, he directed biological programs statewide including forty wildlife management areas, seven regional offices, and played an integral role in the department; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Jimmy was appointed assistant secretary of the wildlife

division by the Honorable Bobby Jindal, Governor, serving in that position with honor and pride until his retirement in March of 2016; and

WHEREAS, among his numerous accomplishments throughout his service, Jimmy was directly responsible for the Wildlife Restoration Act Program, Wildlife Conservation & Restoration Program, and the Mineral Exploration Program on state-owned lands; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in wildlife restoration projects, reforestation, wetlands restoration, timber management, wood duck box and banding operations, and deer herd evaluations; and

WHEREAS, he played a vital role in writing federal grants and oversaw the work to ensure federal and state guidelines were met; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the valuable work that he did as a biologist and administrator for the department, Jimmy also represented the department, and served as a member of numerous special committees and boards including the North American Bird Conservation Initiative, the Arctic Goose Joint Venture, the Fish and Wildlife Trust Funds Committee, Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society Reservoir Committee, and the Atchafalaya Basin Program; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy's expertise was recognized around the country and he was, on numerous occasions, requested to address members of the United States Congress concerning issues related to the office of wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy has also served as an adjunct biology professor at Southeastern Louisiana University, teaching classes on cell chemistry, genetics, evolution, species diversity, and ecology to undergraduates; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy chaired numerous advisory and technical groups in his capacity with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries including the Management Board of the Association of Joint Ventures, the National Flyway Council, the Southern Regulations Committee and Service Regulations Committee Consultant of the Mississippi Flyway Council, the Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative within the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Region 4 Southeastern Coordinator on the Federal Assistance Coordinators, and the Working Group subcommittee of the Wildlife Trust Funds Committee of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; and

WHEREAS, with Jimmy's strong work ethic, the use of good science, and accurate information and technology in helping to carry out the agency's mission, he continually looked for ways to improve how resources are managed to ensure their sustainability and availability for all users now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, after a long and distinguished forty-year career with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Jimmy made it his life's work to manage, conserve, and promote wise utilization of Louisiana's renewable fish and wildlife resources and their supporting habitats through replenishment, protection, enhancement, research, development, and education for the social and economic benefit of current and future generations; to provide opportunities for knowledge of and use and enjoyment of these resources; and to promote a safe and healthy environment for the users of the resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jimmy L. Anthony upon his retirement after forty years of service with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and extend a special thank you to him for his longtime service to the state of Louisiana and its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jimmy L. Anthony.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE