

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Judge Jim W. Wiley upon the occasion of his retirement and to recognize his exemplary public service during the many years of his extraordinary career as a member of the bar and judiciary.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Jim W. Wiley announced his retirement effective March 1, 2008, closing the extraordinary judicial career of a man who has demonstrated unparalleled ability in his many years of public service to the people of Winn Parish and to the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, born in Ferriday and reared in Jonesville, Jim Wiley graduated from Block High School, and then received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, a Masters of Business Administration from Northeast Louisiana University, and a Juris Doctorate from Loyola University in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, while in law school, he was employed as a law clerk for Andry & Andry Law Firm in New Orleans for two years and, as his career as a lawyer later developed so did his commitment to public service when he became a public defender serving the Eighth Judicial District Indigent Defender Board; and

WHEREAS, for over thirty-four years, Jim W. Wiley has exemplified the highest degree of professionalism in the practice of law, eighteen of those years serving as a Winnfield City Judge and three and a half of these years as an assistant district attorney in Winn Parish; and

WHEREAS, because of his legal experience and judicial temperament, Judge Wiley was then elected district court judge in the Eighth Judicial District and held that post for more than seven years until the announcement of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished judicial career, Judge Wiley daily demonstrated his commitment to the impartial application of law and exercised the utmost regard for the rights of all persons who came before his court; and

WHEREAS, although his commitment to his work has been broad and deep throughout his career, he remains a husband and father devoted to his family, including the love of his life, his wife, Barbara Jo Williams Wiley, and the pride of his life, his three children, all of whom followed in the footsteps of their respected role model — Staci and J. W., who are practicing attorneys, and Kathryn, a soon-to-be practicing attorney upon her graduation from law school; and

WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman, Jim Wiley was one of the original incorporators of the Winn Western Riding Club, serving as its first president for three years, and will continue to enjoy his love for horseback riding in his retirement; and

WHEREAS, the people of Winn Parish and the state of Louisiana have benefitted from the service of Judge Jim Wiley, whose fine legal mind and distinctive accomplishments have brought immense pride not only to his state but to all those who have been fortunate to have had the benefit of his knowledge and commitment to justice; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to take proper notice of the accomplishments of Judge Jim W. Wiley and to express the appreciation of the members of the Senate for his exceptional public service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Honorable Jim W. Wiley upon the occasion of his retirement and acknowledge with tremendous gratitude his outstanding contribution to the administration of justice in his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend to him all the best wishes for success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Jim W. Wiley.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE