

First Extraordinary Session, 2008

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVES RICHMOND AND AUSTIN BADON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Eric Hill and express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contribution to Orleans Parish and the state of Louisiana, and to congratulate him for having the number one car dealership in New Orleans.

WHEREAS, Eric Hill is the president and chief executive officer of the Eric Hill Nissan dealership located in New Orleans east; and

WHEREAS, Eric Hill has shown his dedication in helping to rebuild New Orleans post-Hurricane Katrina by investing more than five million dollars to open his own car dealership in April 2006, which has been recognized as the fastest growing Nissan dealership in Southeast Louisiana and the first dealership to completely rebuild post-Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Eric Hill is a dedicated husband to his wife, Dewana, and devoted father of four: Arielle, Ericka, Lenox, and Croix; and

WHEREAS, Eric Hill performed at high levels of excellence as a linebacker with Louisiana State University from 1985 until 1989, the Arizona Cardinals from 1989 until 1997, the St. Louis Rams in 1998, and the San Diego Chargers for the 1999 and 2000 seasons; and

WHEREAS, as an outstanding football player at LSU, Eric Hill was a three-team SEC Champion, a two-time All-SEC first team player, and an AP Honorable Mention All-American; and

WHEREAS, as a graduate of LSU, Eric Hill underwrote the construction of the Eric Hill Media Center on the campus of Louisiana State University in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Eric Hill has demonstrated his commitment to rebuilding New Orleans by offering local musicians the chance to win a new car as well as collecting instruments for

the New Orleans Musicians Relief Fund to pass along to professional and student musicians;  
and

WHEREAS, the new Eric Hill Nissan includes a twenty-five-thousand-square-foot building and spans more than four acres; and

WHEREAS, this new dealership will provide jobs for more than sixty people; and

WHEREAS, the Eric Hill Nissan dealership represents a tremendous accomplishment in the wake of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, as he embarks upon this new endeavor by having a grand opening of the Eric Hill Nissan dealership on February 24, 2008, he merits a sincere measure of commendation for his many contributions and the exemplary strides he has taken in making New Orleans east and the state of Louisiana a better place.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Eric Hill, extend honor and recognition to him for his outstanding accomplishments, which have been marked by his uncompromising endeavors to improve the welfare of the city of New Orleans, and hereby pays tribute to him on the day of his grand opening of the new Eric Hill Nissan dealership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives hereby expresses gratitude to Eric Hill for his service to the state of Louisiana and his great alma mater, Louisiana State University, as evidenced by his superlative achievements as a member of the football team, contributions to the university, and hard work as a graduate, and hereby extends to him the best wishes of all for continued prosperity and success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Eric Hill.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES