

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate F. Malcolm Hood, Jr., for his distinguished career as a lobbyist and for his thirty-eight years as an invaluable asset to the legislative process in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Malcolm Hood built a successful business, F. M. Hood and Associates, on the singular, pristine principle of trust; for he is a man of his word; a gentleman and a scholar of governmental affairs on both the state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, his stellar reputation in business and energy issues precedes him in legislative circles throughout the nation, including the states of Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Hood is the genuine article; his work ethic is based on the tenets of honesty, integrity, diligence, and attention to detail; and

WHEREAS, F. M. Hood and Associates has grown from a single-client firm to the representation of an amalgamation of corporations, in various fields of expertise, including mineral production, energy transportation, manufacturing, telecommunications, utilities, and agricultural interests; and

WHEREAS, his work with state government began with the Louisiana Public Service Commission serving as assistant to the third district commissioner; later he was instrumental in the implementation of landmark legislation, the Natural Resources Act of 1973, while serving on the Louisiana Office of Conservation Ad Hoc Committee; and

WHEREAS, he began his lobbying business with representation of CLECO, an energy services company based in central Louisiana, Louisiana Intrastate Gas, and Tenneco Oil; then branched out to represent other diverse interests which today encompass automotive, energy, farming, packaging and shipbuilding industries; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Hood has proved his mettle as a business leader with his affiliation with numerous professional and trade organizations such as Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI), currently on its Baton Rouge Board of Directors; Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL), Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, Mississippi Manufacturer's Association, U.S. Oil and Gas Association, IPAA Natural Gas Committee, the Energy Council, and the Association of Louisiana Lobbyists (ALL); and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Hood has proved himself as an astute and persuasive consultant who wears the mantle of public service proudly and willingly while extending courtesy to all, and as an individual who possesses an abundance of interests and talents; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Hood is one of a rare breed; a man who does many things well; public servant, political pundit, activist and father; and

WHEREAS, as a conservationist, hunter, and fisherman, he feels a closeness to the land, a near kinship with the earth under his feet, for he sees the wild outdoors as a sacred trust, a precious domain to be protected and treasured, then passed along to generations that follow; and

WHEREAS, always a fierce competitor, even at play, Malcolm pits himself against the unruly terrain of the golf links, to outmaneuver and best his skilled opponents; the quest for the illusive birdie putt; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm garners his greatest satisfaction from confecting compromise between opposing forces, by communicating detailed analysis and information, all the while retaining professional confidentiality, with the positive result of a job well done; and

WHEREAS, an effective and successful legislative process depends, essentially, upon the likes of Malcolm Hood, whose unique talents and abilities help to resolve issues that stymy the law-making process; and

WHEREAS, after nearly four decades in the arena of legislative affairs, Malcolm Hood remains an indispensable asset, on both sides of the aisle, for he is our colleague, our comrade-in-arms, our confidante, and our confessor; for he is the key to our success; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Hood is a giant of a man with the heart of a lion, courageous and bold, willing to face any foe unafraid, a man of action who makes the most of every opportunity, for his strength and spirit comes from within; and

WHEREAS, today, he faces an up-hill challenge of a different sort, however, Malcolm confronts these obstacles as he does any obstruction in his path with his usual tenacity and persistence of will; for he shall not be deterred; along with the enduring affection and support of extended family and friends, the laurel of victory is at hand; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Hood is a compassionate man, open and above board, noble and candid, who has never met a stranger, who is the best kind of friend anyone could ever have, and who is appreciative of everyone who have touched and enriched his life; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Hood sets an example for all to follow, to secure a life rich with experience; to live that life to the fullest, to remain active, to love deeply without regret, to savor all that life offers, for everyday is a gift not to be wasted, no matter what their number.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize this extraordinary individual, F. Malcolm Hood, Jr., and pay tribute to his amazing and enduring skills as a lobbyist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Malcolm Hood for a job well done and wish for him many more years of service to this body and does hereby wish for him every happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Malcolm Hood.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE