

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHRODER, BROADWATER, EDWARDS, AND PUGH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Andre Coudrain for his accomplishments and his contributions to higher education in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, New Orleans native Andre Coudrain received a bachelor of arts degree in government from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond in 1979; he was elected president of the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, while matriculating at Southeastern, Mr. Coudrain was active in the Student Government Association, serving terms as president and vice president; he served as chairman of the Student Government Association election board, was president of Circle K, was named Outstanding Male Student, and served on numerous university committees; he also was elected student member to the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities in Louisiana, now known as the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System; and

WHEREAS, Andre Coudrain was appointed by former Governor Murphy "Mike" Foster to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in 1996 and his appointment continued under Governor Bobby Jindal until 2015; during his Board of Supervisors tenure, Mr. Coudrain was chairman of the board from 2000-2001, vice chairman of the board from 1998-1999, chairman of the finance committee, chairman of the legislation committee, and chairman of the academic and student affairs committee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jindal appointed Mr. Coudrain to the Education Advisory Council and to represent Louisiana on the Education Commission of the States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coudrain was named 2002 Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Arts and Sciences at Southeastern, Hammond Man of the Year in 2003 by the Junior Auxiliary, and is a trustee for Holy Ghost Church Parish, where he and his wife Kelly are members of Holy Ghost Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Andre Coudrain has always held a special place for his undergraduate alma mater in his heart and soul; he is mentor to the Southeastern Louisiana University Student Government Association president during the president's one-year member term to the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors and Mr. Coudrain provides invaluable assistance in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, the time and effort Mr. Coudrain expends demonstrates his commitment to higher education in Louisiana; it is evident that Andre Coudrain is recognized as a leader by his colleagues, one who uses every opportunity to assist others in solving complex problems, finds fair and consistent solutions, and exudes a calmness that pervades the multiple and varied environments in which he serves; and

WHEREAS, Andre Coudrain has exhibited support beyond measure for all institutions in the University of Louisiana System but is a special champion of his alma mater, Southeastern Louisiana University, and it is appropriate to commend his untiring work for the cause of higher education in the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Andre Coudrain for the gains in higher education in Louisiana to which he has contributed over a lifetime of work; does hereby extol the virtues of this generous, unselfish champion of student learning and achievement; and does hereby extend best wishes and bright hopes to Mr. Coudrain for continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Andre Coudrain.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES