

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Charles A. Fuselier upon his induction into the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame and to congratulate him on many years of dedicated and highly productive service to the Louisiana 4-H organization and St. Martin Parish.

WHEREAS, Mr. Fuselier was first involved in the 4-H organization at St. Martinville High School from 1952 until 1959; and

WHEREAS, at St. Martinville High School, Mr. Fuselier participated in the livestock program by raising and exhibiting his Brahman and Short-eared cattle and successfully showing his cattle at the parish, district, and state level contests; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fuselier was also enrolled in tractor and farm machinery projects through the 4-H program at his high school, where he learned an array of valuable job skills; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fuselier was elected sheriff of St. Martin Parish in 1980, and at this time, the parish employed only twenty-eight deputies and owned three vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fuselier was instrumental in enlarging the parish's facilities throughout his tenure as sheriff by overseeing the completion of a new jail in 1983, the installation of a parishwide 911 system in 1990, the creation of a substation for the sheriff's department in 1991, and the construction of a facility for juveniles in 1995; and

WHEREAS, as sheriff of St. Martin Parish, Mr. Fuselier initiated a local partnership between the sheriff's office, the chief of police, and the American Association of Retired Persons, creating the first TRIAD program in St. Martin Parish, one that has since grown to become a nationwide program; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Mr. Fuselier received the National Sheriff of the Year Award, and in 1999, the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office, under Mr. Fuselier's guidance, became

the first sheriff's office in Louisiana to receive accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies; and

WHEREAS, currently, Mr. Fuselier remains an active and loyal supporter of the 4-H program in St. Martin Parish, as he frequently dedicates his time and service to the organization; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his father, in 1981, Mr. Fuselier created the Charles Fuselier Livestock Award, which is presented annually to a 4-H livestock member who excels in the livestock program; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2002, Mr. Fuselier established the Charles Fuselier Scholarship, which is rewarded to an outstanding, hardworking 4-H member who plans to further his or her education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fuselier, along with other inductees to the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame, will be featured in the state 4-H Museum in Avoyelles Parish upon its opening in December of 2008; and

WHEREAS, Charles A. Fuselier merits a sincere measure of commendation for his many years of outstanding service to the 4-H organization and his significant contributions to agriculture in St. Martin Parish and throughout Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Charles A. Fuselier upon his induction into the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his notable accomplishments and manifold contributions to agriculture and the 4-H organization throughout the state, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to the St. Martin Parish community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Charles A. Fuselier of St. Martin Parish.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE