



**John Bel Edwards**  
GOVERNOR

## COMMENDATION

- WHEREAS,** from 1972 until 2005 you served the people of Louisiana in the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1990 your efforts helped establish the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA), which has authorized 226 coastal restoration projects benefiting nearly 105,000 acres of coastal habitat; and
- WHEREAS,** by creating CWPPRA you successfully articulated the importance of Louisiana's wetlands to colleagues in Washington, D.C.; and
- WHEREAS,** CWPPRA established a reliable funding stream for coastal restoration that has connected boaters and other sportsmen to the sustainability of the sportsman's paradise; and
- WHEREAS,** it enacted a system for developing projects in partnership with five federal agencies as well as state and local representatives; and
- WHEREAS,** CWPPRA provided for the collection of data to measure changes along the coast, project effectiveness, and improve future projects and inform future plans; and
- WHEREAS,** CWPPRA has incubated project ideas, new methodologies and materials, and served as the testing ground for techniques used in some of today's largest restoration projects; and
- WHEREAS,** for thirty years, the people of Louisiana have benefitted from CWPPRA investments that have preserved our landscape, sustained our working coast, restored habitats, harnessed natural processes, reduced flood damages, provided habitats for recreational and commercial species, and protected the unique cultural heritage of our coastal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** as a member of Congress and a Senator you have many national accomplishments to your name, and one that has taken your name; and
- WHEREAS,** the "Breux Act" has been a gift to Louisiana's coast for thirty years and will continue to provide for the restoration of your home state for many years to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS,** do hereby give special commendation and recognition to Senator John Breux in acknowledgement of his contributions to the State of Louisiana.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 21st day of October A. D., 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards", written over a horizontal line.

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