

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4735

COUNCIL SPONSOR: BELLISARIO/O'BRIEN PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE HONORABLE DONALD J. TRUMP PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSIDER APPOINTING COMMANDER JOHN B. WELLS AS SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

WHEREAS, the President-elect will appoint the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, John B. Wells entered the Navy in February of 1972 and retired from the Navy, as a Commander on August 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, while in the Navy Commander Wells was the Commanding Officer of the naval Reserve Center Huntington WV, the Commanding Officer, of the Naval Reserve Readiness Center Pittsburgh, PA and received his J.D. from Duquense Law School; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the Navy has become a practicing attorney with emphasis on military and Veterans' law and understands the intricacies and failings of the Veterans Benefits Administration and VA law; and

WHEREAS, for the past six years, Commander Wells has advocated before Congress for veterans benefits legislation and has attained a reputation on Capitol Hill as an aggressive and professional advocate working closely with the majority and minority Veterans Affairs Committees for both the House and Senate; and

WHEREAS, Commander Wells was and is a proud and profound advocate for the election of Donald J. Trump.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the St. Tammany Parish Council requests that the Honorable Donald J. Trump President-Elect consider Commander John B. Wells for the cabinet post of Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 5 DAY OF JANUARY , 2017, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

STEVE STEFANCIK, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK