Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Bay St. Louis expresses its heartfelt gratitude to J.P. Compretta for 30 years of dedicated service as the Public Defender of Bay St. Louis, advocating for justice and fairness in our community; and

WHEREAS, beyond his legal career, Mr. Compretta is renowned for his 32-year tenure in the Mississippi State Legislature, serving from 1976-1984 and 1988-2011, making history as Hancock County's longest-serving legislator and rising to the esteemed role of Speaker Pro Tempore; and

WHEREAS, his leadership helped secure millions of dollars in improvements to South Mississippi, played a crucial role in funding kindergarten education in 1982, and shaped the 1992 casino bill, which transformed the economy of our region and state; and

WHEREAS, his unwavering dedication to public service has left a lasting impact on Bay St. Louis and beyond.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Favre, Mayor of the City of Bay St. Louis, along with the City Council and citizens, do hereby recognize and honor J.P. Compretta for his exceptional service and leadership. We extend our deepest gratitude and best wishes for a fulfilling retirement.

Michael J. Favre Mayor of Bay St. Louis