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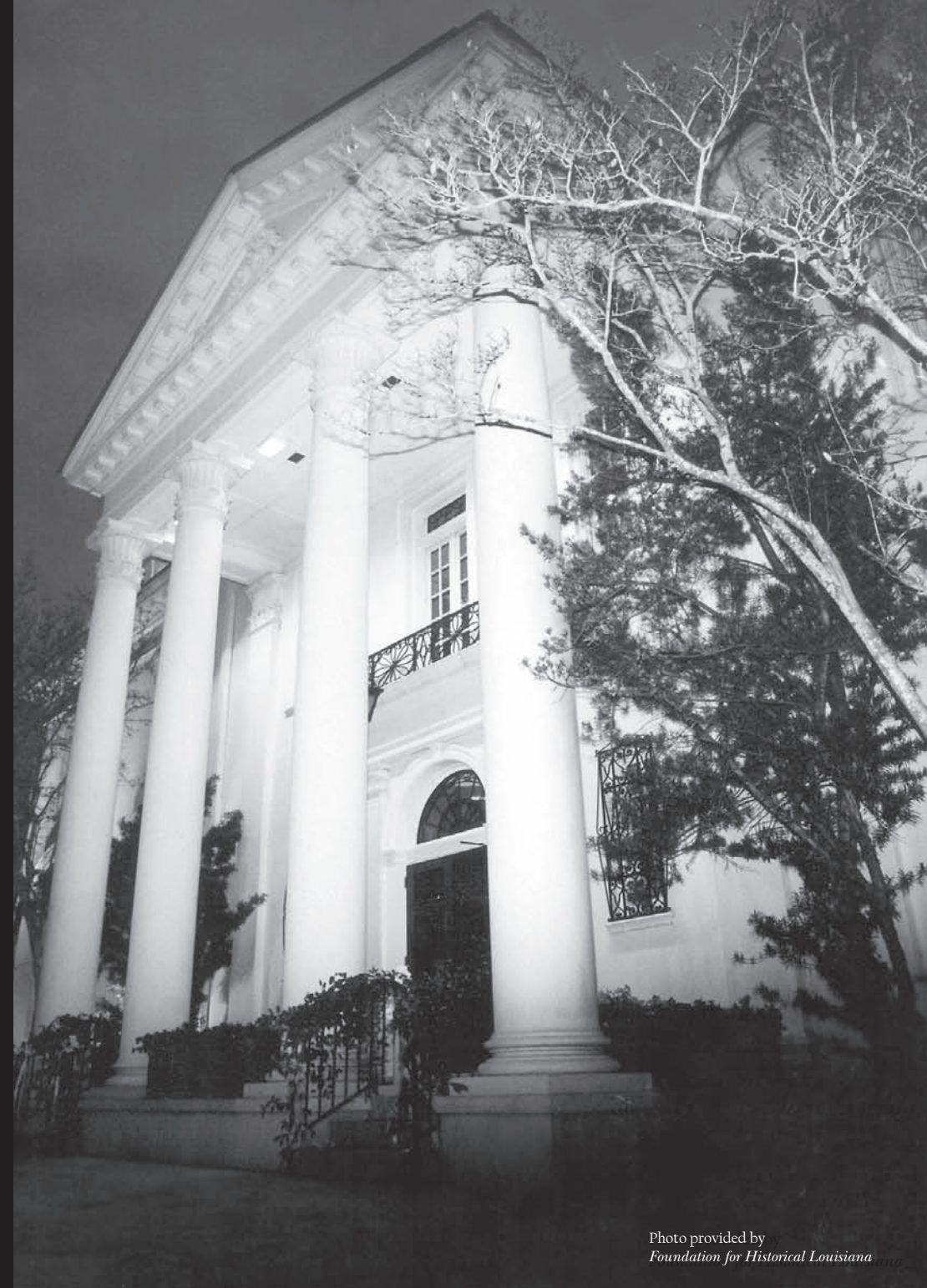


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“LOUISIANA’S GOVERNOR: LEADERSHIP...LEGACY...LESSONS LEARNED”

Welcome to McNeese State University and tonight’s second annual McLeod Lecture Series presentation, “Louisiana’s Governor: Leadership . . . Legacy . . . Lessons Learned.”

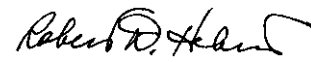
The office of Louisiana’s governor is uniquely powerful. Tonight’s lecture will focus on the office of the governor of Louisiana through the eyes of three living governors – Mike Foster, Buddy Roemer, and Dave Treen. In what promises to be a lively and insightful discussion, the governors will address the uniqueness of the office and its authority, both as the constitution has defined them and as culture and practice have molded them. The governors will share their observations about the office - the opportunities for leadership, the legacy to the State, and the lessons learned that only experience can provide. Joining the Governors will be former capitol correspondents Beth Courtney and John Hill; Robyn Ekings of LPB will moderate the discussion.

This annual lecture series honors the late Bill McLeod, who served with distinction as a district judge as well as a legislator. McLeod, who died in 2003, was an honors graduate of Lake Charles High School and attended McNeese. He graduated from Princeton University and earned his juris doctorate from the LSU Law School. McLeod practiced law in Lake Charles for 33 years until he was elected to a six-year term as district judge in 1990. He reentered the private practice of law upon his retirement from the bench in 1997.

McLeod was a distinguished public servant who served 23 years in the Louisiana State Legislature. He was elected to the House of Representatives representing Calcasieu and Cameron parishes in 1968 and served until 1976. He then served for 15 years in the State Senate representing Calcasieu and Jefferson Davis parishes. He rose to the chairmanship of the Senate Retirement Committee and served as dean of the Southwest Louisiana delegation.

A steering committee of local public officials and community leaders is coordinating the annual lecture series, the McLeod Family Endowment and the related Southwest Louisiana Legislative Archives Project. Paul Hart Miller (MSU ’87) and Ann Knapp co-chair the steering committee, Sara McLeod Judson and Ben Mount (MSU ’71) co-chair the lecture series and Winfield Little is the finance committee chair.

Each year the series will focus on timely, as well as the historical, aspects of Louisiana politics and efforts to promote a climate of good government. All research materials, records, and artifacts pertaining to the annual lecture will become a part of the McNeese Library Archives.



Robert D. Hebert, President, McNeese State University



Ann Knapp, Steering Committee Co-Chair



Paul Hart Miller, Steering Committee Co-Chair



1972-1980
Edwin W. Edwards
- Democrat



1980-1984
David C. Treen
- Republican
(Governor Treen was the first Republican governor since Reconstruction.)



1984-1988
Edwin W. Edwards
- Democrat



1988-1992
Charles E. “Buddy” Roemer, III
- Republican *
(Governor Roemer was elected as a Democrat and changed his affiliation to Republican while in office.)*



1992-1996
Edwin W. Edwards
- Democrat
(Governor Edwards made history by being elected to an unprecedented fourth term.)



1996-2004
Murphy J. “Mike” Foster
- Republican
(Governor Foster’s grandfather, Murphy James Foster, served as Governor of Louisiana from 1892 to 1900.)



2004-TO PRESENT
Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
- Democrat
(The first woman to serve as governor of Louisiana.)

“LOUISIANA’S GOVERNOR: LEADERSHIP...LEGACY...LESSONS LEARNED”



LOUISIANA’S GOVERNOR: LEADERSHIP...LEGACY... LESSONS LEARNED DISCUSSION

Panelists in addition to Governors Foster, Roemer and Treen are **Beth Courtney**, President and CEO, Louisiana Public Broadcasting, and **John Hill**, Capital City Bureau Chief, Louisiana’s Gannett News Papers: Shreveport Times, Monroe News-Star, Alexandria Town Talk, Opelousas Daily World, Lafayette Daily Advertiser. Courtney started her career in broadcasting as a Capitol Correspondent, reporting on state government and moderating numerous political debates. Among her many accomplishments, Courtney was inducted into the Louisiana Center for Women in Government Hall of Fame in 1999. Hill has been covering state government and politics for Louisiana newspapers since 1973. Tonight’s moderator is **Robyn Ekings**, Producer/Anchor for *Louisiana The State We’re In*. Ekings has rejoined the staff of Louisiana Public Broadcasting in this role, having served as the network correspondent for this award-winning news magazine in the early 1980s.



BE SURE TO WATCH ON LPB! Tonight’s panel discussion is being recorded for broadcast statewide in late spring on Louisiana Public Broadcasting. We wish to thank these sponsors who are making the television production possible:



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Michael J. Mallett lives in Lake Charles and is a 1990 graduate of Sam Houston High School. He will be initiated this spring into the Chi Psi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha—The National Political Science Honor Society. Mallett was awarded the 2005 McLeod stipend to conduct research on tonight’s topic: “Louisiana’s Governor: Leadership... Legacy...Lessons Learned.”

Tonight’s program is the second offering of the McLeod Lecture Series. The series is supported by an endowment that has been established through the McNeese State University Foundation in honor of Bill McLeod, former legislator, judge, and community leader. It is dedicated to presenting timely as well as the historical aspects of Louisiana politics and efforts to promote a climate of good government. Selected topics are researched and presented annually with materials, records and artifacts becoming a part of the McNeese Archives collection.

In addition to supporting the McLeod Lecture Series, this endowment supports the growth of the newly established Southwest Louisiana Legislative Archives collection in the McNeese Library, housing the papers, photos, oral histories, and other artifacts of citizens who have served in the state legislature from the five Imperial Calcasieu parishes. This non-partisan collection illuminates for students, scholars, and the general public the issues, the challenges, and contributions of many leaders in the history of the region.

The Southwest Louisiana Legislative Archives collection currently contains the papers and artifacts of the late State Representative Harry Hollins and Senators Jack Doland, Scott Heywood, Bill McLeod, Clement Moss, former Senator Bob Jones, former Representatives Burt Andrepont, Kay Iles, Conway LeBleu, Jimmy Martin, and Vic Stelly. The papers of the late Governors Sam Jones and Alvin O. King are also housed in the Archives. We invite all former Southwest Louisiana legislators and their families to consider donating materials to this collection.

Contributions to the McLeod Endowment provide ongoing support of these exciting programs at McNeese State University.

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