

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY SENATORS AMEDEE, ADLEY, ALARIO, BROOME, CASSIDY, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAUX, N. GAUTREAUX, GRAY, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SCALISE, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Joseph G. Guillory, Jr., for his outstanding and dedicated service to the Legislature of Louisiana and the state of Louisiana and to offer congratulations and best wishes upon the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, Joseph G. Guillory, Jr., was born on April 20, 1950, to Joseph Guillory, Sr., and Evelena Fontenot in Lake Charles, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Joe graduated from McNeese State University and began his journey of community activism and leadership where he served as a member of the Student Senate, Student Judiciary Board, Vice-President of the Young Adults Council for the NAACP and President of his undergraduate chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Joe earned a Juris Doctorate degree in 1977, from Southern University Law Center and did post-graduate work in 1977 and 1978 at Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, Joe continues to pursue his life-long thirst for knowledge and greater universal understanding through his study and lecture of historical, legal and cultural influences in Africa, the Caribbean and South America; and

WHEREAS, Joe began his career as a legislative employee when he became the first African American professional staff person hired by the Louisiana Senate in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Joe served as staff and senior attorney for the Senate Committee on Retirement; the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations and staff attorney for the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations among others; and

WHEREAS, his knowledge and expertise in these areas led to his involvement on the national level as the staff attorney for the National Worker's Compensation Task Force, and staff chairman and vice chairman for the Labor Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, through his work and observance of legislative proceedings and state and national politics, Joe has developed a keen insight into politics and further developed that talent as a consultant for various campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Joe's commitment to his community resulted in his being awarded the 2005 Polaris Award from the Baton Rouge Pan-Hellenic Council, an award given to unsung heroes in the Baton Rouge community who have made significant strides in promoting the growth and development of a diverse and unified community; and

WHEREAS, Joe's devout spiritual commitment is evident in all of his activities and throughout his life and he has always put his family first in his deep and abiding love for his wife Vivian, and as a proud father to his son, David; and

WHEREAS, although Joe is retiring, he will continue to provide his expertise to local government as he begins his service for the city of Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Joe's loyalty to the Louisiana Legislature as an institution can not be questioned; and his quick intelligence and insight will be missed and never forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Joseph G. Guillory, Jr., for his extraordinary service to the Legislature of Louisiana and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate of the State of Louisiana does hereby convey its heartfelt thanks to Joe for his twenty-nine years of service and dedication to the members of both houses of the legislature, legislative staff and state and local officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership and staff of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana wish Joe the best of luck in his new venture in local public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the Resolution be transmitted with appreciation to Joseph J. Guillory, Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE