

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 202

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Elbert Lee Guillory and to express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions to St. Landry Parish, Lafayette Parish, and the state of Louisiana, particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana representing Senate District No. 24 and the House of Representatives representing House District No. 40 for a total of eight years of exemplary legislative service.

WHEREAS, it is with great respect and appreciation for a job well done that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana congratulates Senator Elbert Guillory, a favorite son of Opelousas, Louisiana, for his many accomplishments in public life; and

WHEREAS, as chairman of the Senate Retirement Committee, Senator Guillory worked diligently to improve the stability and actuarial soundness of all state and statewide retirement systems while protecting the interests of taxpayers, current employees, and retirees; and

WHEREAS, these adjustments in system management implemented during his tenure will insure benefits for future generations of local and state retirees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Guillory's success as a legislator can be attributed to his qualities as a trusted leader, his open-mindedness, and his approachable, laid-back style that immediately puts everyone at ease; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of J. S. Clark Senior High School in Opelousas, he has acquired exceptional educational credentials that include a bachelor of science degree from Norfolk State University and a juris doctorate from Rutgers School of Law; he taught classes at Rutgers University for a time and further matriculated at Southern University and New York Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, practicing criminal law for over forty years, Senator Guillory's public service began with the successful operation of numerous governmental entities within the states of Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, he was successfully elected to an unexpired term to represent the constituency of House District No. 40 in the Louisiana House of Representatives; at that time Elbert Guillory garnered assignments to House standing committees on Appropriations, the Administration of Criminal Justice and the Judiciary; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Representative Guillory became a senator, representing Senate District No. 24 and continued to serve the people of Acadiana in the legislature for a total of eight years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Louisiana State Senate, Senator Guillory has served with great diligence as the chairman of the Senate Committee on Retirement with membership on the Senate standing committees on Insurance, Education, Judiciary C, Local and Municipal Affairs, Health and Welfare, the Select Committee on Veterans Affairs, and with special assignments as chairman to both the Public Employees Retirement Systems Actuarial Committee and the Reentry Advisory Council at the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; and

WHEREAS, Senator Guillory is the most deserving recipient of numerous honors and awards throughout the course of his career with receipt of the Frederick Douglass Award from the At-Large Society, the Patrick Henry Award from the Louisiana Family Forum and the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame Award from the Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum Foundation, as well as being named as Legislator of the Year by the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana Right to Life Federation, and Louisiana State Police; and

WHEREAS, his affiliations with civic, professional, and nonprofit organizations include the Chamber of Commerce, Indigent Defense Board, and Bar Association of the Parish of St. Landry, Acadian Legal Service, New Life Center Advisory Board, the Salvation Army, Rotary International, and the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, as a member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Senator Guillory holds membership in several religious service entities that include the Knights of Columbus, the

Knights of St. Peter Claver, and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher; he received the Bishop's Service Award from the Archdiocese of Lafayette and acts as a board member for Catholic Services of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, Senator Guillory faithfully served his country with enlistment in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Era obtaining the rank of E-5; and

WHEREAS, as Senator Elbert Guillory prepares to begin the next exciting and productive chapter of his life, he merits a sincere measure of commendation for the many contributions he has made as an exceptional member of the Legislature of Louisiana and for his distinguished service to family, community, and country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Elbert L. Guillory for his service to the constituents of Senate District No. 24, House District No. 40, and to all the citizens of this great state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize his memorable and effective contributions and offer best wishes for success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Senator Elbert L. Guillory of Senate District No. 24.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE