

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 202

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Senator Elbert Guillory on his years of distinguished public service in the Legislature of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, Senator Guillory's success as a legislator can be attributed to his  
18 qualities as a trusted leader, his open-mindedness, and his approachable, laid-back style that

1 immediately puts everyone at ease; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

