

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 103

BY REPRESENTATIVE KATRINA JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Benjamin Jones upon being named the 2011 Distinguished Jurist by the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

WHEREAS, in April of 2012, at the Louisiana Bar Foundation Gala, recognition was given to those individuals who, by reason of their professional activities, have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession and have brought credit and honor to the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, one individual who was recognized at this event is the Honorable Benjamin Jones, who was named the 2011 Distinguished Jurist by the Louisiana Bar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Benjamin Jones has served as state district court judge for the Fourth Judicial District for nineteen years, and he was Chief Judge from 1999 through the end of 2002; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jones earned his bachelor of arts degree from Southern University and his juris doctor degree from Boston College Law School, from which he graduated in 1969; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from law school, Judge Jones practiced law as a legal services attorney and managing attorney, served a tour of duty as an Army intelligence officer, attaining the rank of captain, and served as an assistant United States attorney, deputy legal counsel to Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, and a Chief Administrative Law judge; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jones returned to Louisiana in 1979 and practiced law for thirteen years before being elected to the bench, and during this period, he served a term as president of the Fourth Judicial District Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the National Judicial College, Judge Jones has presented at many conferences for the Louisiana Judicial College; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jones served as judge pro tempore on the Second Circuit Court of Appeal in 1994, and from June 1, 2009, until November 19, 2009, he served as an Associate Justice pro tempore on the Louisiana Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jones is a past president of the Louisiana District Judges Association and has served as a member and chairman of the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana; while serving as a member and president of the Louisiana District Judges Association, he secured approval to organize the Judges in the Classroom Program, which he chaired for ten years; in 2010, he secured approval to organize the Judges' Assistance Program, the mission of which is to address the problem of judges sitting while impaired; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jones will forever hold a special place in the chronicles of the history of Louisiana, for he is one of the state's most exceptional public servants and most gifted legal scholars; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jones merits the highest commendation and most sincere congratulations upon being named the 2011 Distinguished Jurist by the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Benjamin Jones upon being named the 2011 Distinguished Jurist by the Louisiana Bar Foundation, does hereby express to him the enduring appreciation of the state's citizens, does hereby extend to him best wishes for full measures of success and happiness in his future endeavors, and does hereby recognize and record for posterity the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to the state of Louisiana and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Benjamin Jones.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES