

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY SENATORS MORRELL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, COLOMB, PRICE AND TARVER AND REPRESENTATIVES BOUIE, BRASS, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, COX, DUPLESSIS, GLOVER, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, HUNTER, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JORDAN, MARCELLE, DUSTIN MILLER, PIERRE AND SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Erika McConduit for her service as president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and the Legislature of Louisiana recognize and commend Erika McConduit on her numerous accomplishments and service through the Urban League of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, celebrating eighty years of service, the Urban League of Louisiana (ULLA) works to enable African-American communities and other communities seeking equity to secure economic self-reliance, parity, and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, programs of the ULLA's three centers of excellence are focused in the areas of education and youth development, workforce and economic development, and public policy and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the ULLA touches the lives of over ten thousand Louisianians each year through direct service programs in early childhood education, parent engagement, college and career readiness, workforce development, economic inclusion, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Louisiana announced that President and Chief Executive Officer Erika McConduit has resigned effective July 2018, to explore other career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, Erika McConduit served as president and chief executive officer of ULLA; and

WHEREAS, during her time, she had the privilege of serving under a dedicated board of directors, and leading an incredible team of professionals, who all worked tirelessly to breathe life into a mission of assisting African Americans and others seeking equity to secure economic parity, power, and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Erika McConduit has worked for the ULLA for nearly a decade, first serving as vice president of programs and subsequently as executive vice president before being named president and chief executive officer in 2013, only the second woman to serve in this role in the eighty year history; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as president and chief executive officer, Ms. McConduit achieved incredible outcomes and growth, most notably, expanding the organization from serving the Greater New Orleans area to becoming a statewide entity, with a satellite office in Baton Rouge and space agreements in surrounding parishes in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, she also oversaw the purchase of a new twenty-six thousand square foot headquarters building in mid-city New Orleans, which also provides office and meeting space for small businesses, nonprofits, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the organization responded to crises all over the state, including flood recovery, by providing over three and one-half million dollars in clothing and household goods to impacted families in the Greater Baton Rouge area, and hosted a landmark conference to commemorate the ten-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, also releasing a research publication examining the state of black New Orleans ten years post-Katrina; and

WHEREAS, as the president and chief operating officer of the ULLA, Erika McConduit dedicated herself to the mission of the organization, and whatever career path she chooses she will no doubt continue her legacy of changing lives throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, her tenacious policy and advocacy efforts helped transform systems at both the local and state levels; and

WHEREAS, she has played an active role ensuring a seamless transition for continued success with the ULLA's work to empower communities and change lives; and

WHEREAS, in its eightieth anniversary year, the ULLA is strong, vibrant, and ready to grow to even greater heights; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McConduit concluded in a letter "It has been my greatest honor to have had the privilege of serving as president and CEO of such an important, effective, and

transformational organization as the Urban League of Louisiana. I sincerely appreciate the trust and support you've given me throughout this incredible journey"; and

WHEREAS, both personally and professionally, she will continue to challenge herself to have an even greater impact on her community and in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon strong, driven women like Erika McConduit who pioneer change for current and future generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby honor and commend Erika McConduit for her numerous accomplishments and for her service as president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Louisiana and does wish her much success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Erika McConduit.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES