

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Charles M. Blow, Grambling State University graduate and columnist for *The New York Times*.

WHEREAS, Charles M. Blow is *The New York Times*' first visual op-ed columnist and has a reputation for communicating effectively with candor, clarity, and a strong point of view in a variety of ways, including using graphical design, text and words; and

WHEREAS, he is a native of Gibsland, Louisiana, and, in 1991, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in mass communications from Grambling State University; and

WHEREAS, as a student at Grambling, Charles M. Blow was the editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, *The Gramblinite*, and the founder of a now-defunct student magazine, *Razz*; and

WHEREAS, he was initiated into the Gamma Psi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and served as Polemarch; and

WHEREAS, Charles M. Blow joined *The New York Times* in 1994 as a graphics editor and was later promoted to lead the entire graphics team as graphics director, a position he held for nine years; and

WHEREAS, he led the newspaper's graphics team to a best of show award from the Society of News Design for graphics produced during the coverage of the attacks on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, in addition, as graphics editor, Charles M. Blow led the group to a best of show award from the Malofiej International Infographics Summit for coverage of the Iraq war; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, he started a weekly column at the newspaper that features charts and a guileless edge; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Charles M. Blow was ranked #11 on *The Root* Top 100 list of most influential people, beating Kanye West, who followed at #12, and Beyonce' Knowles, who ranked #13; and

WHEREAS, he frequently appears on CNN and MSNBC and currently resides in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2013, Charles M. Blow will deliver the commencement address at Grambling State University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Charles M. Blow, Grambling State University graduate and columnist for *The New York Times*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Charles M. Blow.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES