

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 134

BY SENATOR CATHEY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Debra Lawler Beeper Garner on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS Debra Lawler Beeper Garner is a native of Monroe, Louisiana, in Ouachita Parish and a graduate of Neville High School where she played tennis for the Neville Tigers and was recognized as Most Athletic; and

WHEREAS she continued playing at the collegiate level at Northeast Louisiana University with a full tennis scholarship; and

WHEREAS, after taking a break from tennis to focus on raising her son and her career, she picked it back up in 2006 and since then, has been an active member of a variety of teams and leagues; and

WHEREAS, Debra Lawler Beeper Garner plays mixed doubles and is rated at the 4.0 level; and

WHEREAS, she has been a member of numerous teams that have gone to state, regionals, and nationals and was the Captain of the team that represented the Monroe area and the USTA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, Debra Lawler Beeper Garner has served on the Board of Ouachita Women's Tennis Association (OWTA); and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Northeast Louisiana University, now the University of Louisiana at Monroe, with a Bachelor of Business; and

WHEREAS, Debra Lawler Beeper Garner chose a profession in banking and maintained that relationship for forty-one years, even through the transitions from American Bank to Regions Bank, both located in Monroe, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, she has always put her community first; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Lawler Beeper Garner is an active member of First Baptist Church, Monroe where she has served on various committees, including the Finance Committee and the Selection Committee to hire various ministers at First Baptist, Monroe; and

WHEREAS, at First Baptist, Monroe, she devoted many years to teaching young women to become contributing members of their community who are strong in their faith; and

WHEREAS, Debra Lawler Beeper Garner was a charter member of the Ornamental Ladies of Monroe, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, she is a true pillar in the Monroe community, and her sacrifices and contributions to the community of Ouachita Parish are most deserving of highest recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Debra Lawler Beeper Garner on the occasion of her retirement; does hereby acknowledge Debbie Lawler Beeper Garner's incredible impact on communities of northeast Louisiana, and does hereby extend sincere wishes that her retirement is as fulfilling as her career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Debbie Lawler Beeper Garner.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE