

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Jerry J. Guillot, Senate Chief of Staff.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Jerry J. Guillot, Chief of Staff of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana,
3 for the leadership he provides as head of staff infrastructure and for the tremendous
4 efforts he puts forth to coordinate the successful operation of this legislative body.

5 WHEREAS, Jerry Guillot is an integral part of every legislative day; his managerial
6 skill is crucial to the placement of committee staff, to the drafting and review of requests,
7 and to the rendering of focused attention to extraordinary situations; and

8 WHEREAS, like any good football coach, he is an extremely good judge of talent
9 and character; he knows the strengths and weaknesses of his staffers, he knows how much
10 guidance to give, what parameters to set, and when to let the individual tackle the issue and
11 reach the intended goal; and

12 WHEREAS, Jerry is a fountain of knowledge on all manner of topics whether legal,
13 historic, or athletic in nature; his photographic memory and near total recall abilities can
14 conjure up events and minute details on subjects that make him a valuable touchstone when
15 there is a need to research obscure facts that may not be readily available in a current
16 database; and

17 WHEREAS, Jerry readily embraces new technology and likes to tinker with the latest
18 digital gadgets; of course he seems to grasp the technical jargon found in an owner's manual

1 quickly and efficiently; and

2 WHEREAS, his office door is always open as advisor, confessor, and confidant;
3 Jerry is a sounding board for all complaints; he hears the professional concerns and personal
4 joys that are shared within his office walls; he also hears, sometimes firsthand, about the
5 sorrow and pain of illness, loss, or death; he handles all issues with the utmost
6 confidentiality; he lends a sympathetic ear and offers advice and is often guilty of sharing
7 some amusing anecdote to break the tension in the room; and

8 WHEREAS, in the forty-two years of service that Jerry Guillot has provided to the
9 Legislature of Louisiana, he has always been eager to engage the newest legal protocol or
10 the next efficiency in work output; and

11 WHEREAS, time management is perhaps his best character trait; besides the hours
12 of preparation and management of Senate staff, Jerry is a family man and grandfather and
13 acts as the athletic director and football coach for St. Aloysius Catholic School; he is an
14 enthusiastic alumnus of LSU and a supporter of worthy community service activities; and

15 WHEREAS, the definition of a leader is an individual who establishes clear goals,
16 shares those goals with others, and convinces individuals to willingly follow direction to
17 complete those goals; Jerry is such a leader; and

18 WHEREAS, Jerry Guillot is an individual of many facets that include manager,
19 mentor, father-figure, counselor, confessor, cheerleader, historian, tinkerer, football coach,
20 humorist, and infinite source of knowledge regarding the law and legal precedent.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby commend Jerry J. Guillot, Chief of Staff of the Louisiana Senate, for his
23 leadership and coordination of the daily operations of this legislative body.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
25 hereby wish Mr. Guillot continued success in his role as chief of staff for many years in the
26 future.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jerry
28 J. Guillot, Chief of Staff of the Senate of Louisiana.

