

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 197

BY SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Yvonne Colomb for over twenty-six years of outstanding public service on behalf of the citizens of Baton Rouge and Louisiana through her tenure in both chambers of the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, for more than two decades Senator Yvonne Colomb has used her legislative experience to promote community services in Baton Rouge's poorest neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Colomb was born and reared in the city of Baton Rouge, where she matriculated through the public school system of East Baton Rouge Parish, having graduated from Capitol High School and attended both Southern University and Louisiana State University, attaining a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne developed her recognized expertise in management and public service while employed with the 19th Judicial District Clerk of Court's Office, where in just a few years she rose from an entry level position to become Executive Administrator, managing a five million dollar budget and supervising two hundred fifty employees in eighteen departments; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Senator Colomb was first elected to the State Legislature representing House District 67, where she was instrumental in passing legislation affecting children and young adults, healthcare, the elderly, teachers, and other school personnel; she

was twice reelected and in her final term in the House of Representatives, she was elected Speaker Pro Tempore; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the constituents of Senate District 14 believed in Yvonne and elected her to the upper chamber where she carried the commitment of supporting social issues for the interests of the poor, the disenfranchised, the young, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in the Louisiana Senate, Senator Colomb has served on several standing committees including Local and Municipal Affairs, which she currently chairs, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, Judiciary C (former chairman), Health and Welfare, Education, the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, and the Select Committee on Women and Children; and

WHEREAS, as a fighter for change, Senator Colomb has been a major force in the passing of landmark legislation such as the Louisiana Uniform Adult Guardianship Act, the Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act, the Louisiana Family Care Giver Act, and Real ID; and

WHEREAS, Senator Colomb has been celebrated for her civic achievements throughout public life as the deserving recipient of many honors; one of her most recent awards includes the Women in Politics Making a Difference Award from NCSL Women's Legislative Network, which noted that, "Her connection to the community is deeply felt. Every fall, she sponsors events around the community where she gives away school supplies to thousands of children. Each summer she raises money and leads two-week trips where disadvantaged youth are given the opportunity to travel on their first vacation to destinations across the U.S. such as Disneyland or the Grand Canyon. Her commitment to not only serving her community but inspiring its youth is why we are proud to name her one of our awardees"; and

WHEREAS, from Holy Scripture, Proverbs Chapter 3, Verses 1 and 2 read, "*My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee*"; and as a Christian, Yvonne Colomb has lived by faith and as a legislator she has served her constituents with passion straight from the heart; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Colomb is a dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, who is a leader and a public servant in the true sense of the word; and

WHEREAS, she has served with distinction in such a way that the loss of this vast amount of knowledge, experience, helpfulness, encouragement, and love will leave a deep void for many years to come in the hearts and minds of all who have passed through the halls of the Louisiana Capitol.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and bestow great pride and honor on Senator Yvonne Colomb for over twenty-six years of outstanding public service, in both houses of the Legislature, on behalf of the citizens of Baton Rouge and Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and record for posterity the record of Yvonne Colomb's gifts and talents and offers her congratulations with best wishes for health and happiness in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted with affection and appreciation to Yvonne Colomb.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE