

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 199

BY SENATOR GALLOT

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Dr. Lamore J. Carter on being awarded the Legion of Honor with the rank of Chevalier from the French Republic.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Dr. Lamore J. Carter upon being awarded from the French Republic, the Legion of Honor, with the rank of Chevalier, France's highest honor - a "Chevalier de la legion d'honneur," or a French Knight in the order of the Legion of Honor and to recognize him for his many outstanding achievements throughout his long and illustrious life; and

WHEREAS, the Legion of Honor was established by Napoleon Bonaparte on May 19, 1802, and is the highest decoration in France; and

WHEREAS, the Legion of Honor is divided into five degrees: Chevalier, Officer, Commander, Grand Officer, and Grand Croix; and

WHEREAS, being named a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor in France is the equivalent to knighthood in England; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter was named a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor in France for his vital contribution to the United States' decisive role in the liberation of France during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lamore J. Carter merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for his singular contributions to the war effort in Europe as part of the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lamore J. Carter, was drafted at eighteen and served in Europe as a nineteen-year-old platoon sergeant and a member of the legendary "Red Ball Express," the mostly African-American unit that helped ship supplies to General George S. Patton's Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, for two years after serving in the Army, Dr. Carter attended Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, for two years; and

WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Carter received a master's degree in psychology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and started a doctoral program there; and

WHEREAS, he then headed south and taught for a few years at Grambling State University before completing his PhD at University of Iowa and in 1958, returned to GSU where he remained for forty-one years, including serving as Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs and Eminent Professor of Psychology and Education Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, the same year he retired from GSU, Dr. Carter returned to Wiley College to serve as president of the historically black college from 1993-96; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter is a distinguished member, as Tom Brokaw wrote in his book, *The Greatest Generation*, of "a generation that, by and large, made no demands of homage from those who followed and prospered economically, politically, and culturally because of its sacrifices ... a generation of towering achievement and modest demeanor, a legacy of their formative years when they were participants in and witness to sacrifices of the highest order ... in the ravages of the greatest war the world has seen"; it is, quite simply, "the greatest generation any society has ever produced"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Dr. Lamore J. Carter be acknowledged and lauded for his dedication to his country during the Second World War and for the sacrifices he made in the name of freedom.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Lamore J. Carter upon being awarded the Legion of Honor with the rank of Chevalier from France, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and manifold contributions during World War II, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride that he brings to his family, friends, and community, the state of Louisiana, the United States of America, and the Republic of France.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Lamore J. Carter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE