

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Josie Gale Frank upon her induction into the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Ms. Frank believes education is essential to living a full life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Frank graduated from Charles Drew High School in Eunice, Louisiana, and went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts as one of only nine black students on the New England campus; and

WHEREAS, furthering her education, Ms. Frank graduated from Coppin State College in Baltimore, Maryland, with a Masters of Arts and from Southern University Law Center with a Juris Doctorate, and has acquired additional credits in Environmental Law from Tulane University Law School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Frank, a true trailblazer, is the first female of African decent to accomplish the following: to be licensed to practice law in Eunice, Louisiana; to work as an assistant district attorney in the 27th Judicial District Court; to qualify and run for St. Landry Parish Assessor; to be elected to the St. Landry School Board, serving as president for the 2013-2014 session; to work as a hearing officer in the 27th Judicial District Court; and to be a certified Mediator and Arbitrator in the southwest area of our state; and

WHEREAS, while Ms. Frank was not victorious in some of her campaigns for public office, she sees herself as a calculated risk taker, considers all experiences as stepping stones, and strongly believes that the many faces of color reflected in today's elected officials resulted in part from her efforts to create an equal playing field for females and candidates of color in St. Landry Parish and the state; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Frank served as the first president of the board of the St. Landry-Evangeline Women United Organization; the 2019 president of the St. Landry-Evangeline United Way agency; and as vice president for the Board for Southwest Louisiana Healthcare Clinic serving the medically underserved in the area; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Frank considers her greatest assignment is that of mother and has tremendous pride in her role as mentor to her sons Pride Doran and Jeremiah Emerson Bell and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, every day Ms. Frank strives to live by her motto of doing her best as long as she can with what she has to offer for the benefit of as many as possible, creating her legacy by sharing her time, talents, and treasures with others; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Democratic Parish Executive Committee biennially considers persons of high ethical and moral character who have promoted the principles of constitutional equality, personal liberty, economic opportunity, and government and fiscal responsibility who has positively influenced the entire parish and the state; and

WHEREAS, as recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award, the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party considers Ms. Frank to be a person who recognizes and respects the diversity of all Americans and promotes the common unity of all, leading her political party and displaying strong leadership throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, Josie Gale Frank demonstrates a devotion to all of the principles of the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party with a lifetime of efforts championing principles that are so essential to the ideas of American democracy; and

WHEREAS, during the Lifetime Achievement Banquet to be held on April 7, 2022, Josie Gale Frank will be inducted into the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulates Josie Gale Frank upon her induction into the St. Landry Parish Democratic Party Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Josie Gale Frank.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE