

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY SENATOR BISHOP

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Bernardine Dupre' on the occasion of her retirement from the Louisiana Workforce Commission and recognizes her exemplary public service during her extraordinary 49 year career with the agency.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Bernardine Dupré upon the occasion of her retirement from
3 the Louisiana Workforce Commission and to recognize her exemplary public service
4 during her extraordinary forty-nine year career with the agency.

5 WHEREAS, Bernardine Dupré graduated from Xavier University in New Orleans
6 with a bachelor of arts degree in history; and

7 WHEREAS, she started with Louisiana Department of Labor in August of 1967
8 working in testing, training, job placement and claims taking, eventually becoming regional
9 manager over all placement and unemployment insurance activities for the New Orleans
10 area; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Dupré joined the Incumbent Worker Training Unit at the
12 Workforce Commission in 2008, and her work in this unit has been instrumental in awarding
13 training grants that have resulted in thousands of Louisiana workers upgrading their job
14 skills; and

15 WHEREAS, she has announced her retirement on May first from the New Orleans
16 Incumbent Worker Training Office; and

17 WHEREAS, she is a role model and friend to hundreds of co-workers, and is greatly
18 admired for her grace under pressure and dedication to improving the lives of workers and

1 jobseekers; and

2 WHEREAS, she was married for forty-eight years to Emilo Dupré (1945-2015), a
3 founder and president of the Community Organization for Urban Politics (COUP), and
4 former president of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation; and

5 WHEREAS, she looks forward to spending time in her retirement with her daughter
6 Monica, and son-in-law Mohammed Witherspoon, and grandchildren, Monet and
7 Montgomery Witherspoon; and

8 WHEREAS, she is a dedicated parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church, whose
9 ministry to the homeless will be a focal point of her post employment activities.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
11 does hereby commend and congratulate Bernardine Dupré upon the occasion of her
12 retirement from the Louisiana Workforce Commission and acknowledge with tremendous
13 gratitude her outstanding contribution to the furtherance of employment and training in her
14 community.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
16 hereby extend to her all the best wishes for success and happiness in her future endeavors.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
18 Bernardine Dupré.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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