

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY SENATOR MURRAY

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough on becoming the seventh president of Dillard University.

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough began his appointment as the seventh president of Dillard University as well as one of the youngest college presidents in the nation on July 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Georgia, a Master of Science from Miami University in Ohio, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education from Georgia State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimbrough served in administrative capacities at Albany State University, Old Dominion University, Georgia State University, and Emory University; and

WHEREAS, he most recently served as the president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas and is known as the Hip-Hop President; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimbrough serves on national boards and committees, including the United Negro College Fund and maintains active memberships in higher education associations including the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Association of Fraternity Advisory, and Brothers of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, he has given over 500 presentations on fraternalism life at campuses and conferences across the country and is the author of the book, *Black Greek 101: The Culture, Customs, and Challenges of Black Fraternities and Sororities*, which was an Essence magazine top 10 best seller and is currently in its tenth printing; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimbrough has been recognized for this research and writings on HBCUs and African American men in college and has also been noted for his active use of social media to engage students in articles in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *CASE Currents*, and *Arkansas Life*; and

WHEREAS, he was named by Diverse Issues in Higher Education as one of 25 to Watch and in 2010, he made the coveted *Ebony* Magazine Power 100 list of doers and influencers in the African American community; and

WHEREAS, the students, faculty, and staff of Dillard University welcomed Dr. Kimbrough to the helm of their campuses and look forward to his tenure as president; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimbrough merits a special measure of commendation upon his selection as President of Dillard University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough upon his appointment as the seventh president of Dillard University and hereby recognizes and records for posterity his exemplary leadership, and hereby extends to him best wishes for continuing success as the president of Dillard University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE