

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 80

BY SENATORS ALARIO, ADLEY, ALLAIN, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, BROWN, BUFFINGTON, CHABERT, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, GALLOT, GUILLORY, HEITMEIER, JOHNS, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARTINY, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Edwin William "Bill" Curry for his lengthy career of exemplary public service to the state of Louisiana, in particular the forty years of faithful service to the Senate body, and to congratulate him upon the occasion of his most deserved retirement.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the dedicated service provided by Bill Curry as its comptroller which includes supervision of all accounting activities; and

WHEREAS, Bill Curry has developed positive working relationships with Senate presidents and the chief of staff on all financial matters affecting the legislative branch; and

WHEREAS, he began his public service as a student clerk employed by the office of secretary of state in 1967 and has worked in state government for over four decades; and

WHEREAS, Edwin William Curry was born in Franklin and reared in the community of Centerville in St. Mary Parish; and

WHEREAS, he was an excellent student and upon graduation from Centerville High School in 1961, attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now known as the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, Bill began graduate school at the University of Virginia and later transferred to Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, within a semester of obtaining his master's degree, Bill Curry was called to serve his country with induction into the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, soon after his call to duty, he married his sweetheart, Nancy LeJeune,

on the fourth of July and their first two years of married life was spent at his duty station in West Germany; and

WHEREAS, upon honorable discharge from military service, Bill returned to graduate work at LSU in 1971 and renewed his career in public service as a division of administration accountant responsible for the office of lieutenant governor and the House of Representatives and became employed by the Louisiana Senate in September of 1972; and

WHEREAS, Bill Curry's attention to detail and superior skill set advanced him to positions as legislative fiscal officer, legislative controller, and since 1982, Senate comptroller; and

WHEREAS, Bill Curry is highly respected among his peers and admired for his professionalism and he steadfastly adheres to the most stringent standards of honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Bill Curry has continually maintained the trust and support of the senators and staff and he is known affectionately as "Mr. Bill"; and

WHEREAS, Bill Curry and his wife, Nancy, are the proud parents of Edwin William Curry III and his wife, Lauren, and daughter, Christy Dorsa and her husband, Tony, and grandchildren William, Elizabeth, and Camille Curry, and Abigail and Savannah Dorsa; and

WHEREAS, while their children were growing up, Bill and Nancy opened their home to host foreign exchange students; it was a profound experience of exposure to international cultures and the creation of friendships around the world that have lasted a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Bill Curry is a head elder at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, with his years of public service experience Bill Curry exemplifies all of the finest qualities of a proficient, legislative comptroller and steward of public funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Edwin William "Bill" Curry for his many years of exemplary public service and congratulate him upon the occasion of his most deserved retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt appreciation for his tireless spirit and unwavering dedication, and does hereby extend best wishes for continued happiness and success in his future endeavors.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
Senate Comptroller, Bill Curry.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE