

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 192

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Noble Ellington upon his exceptional career in public service spanning more than four decades.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Noble Edward Ellington II upon his exceptional career in public service
3 spanning more than four decades, both as an elected representative of the people in
4 the Louisiana State Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as an appointed
5 office holder as the chief deputy insurance commissioner and legislative affairs
6 director for Governor John Bel Edwards.

7 WHEREAS, Noble Ellington was born on May 25, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Noble
8 Edward Ellington Sr. and was educated in Mangham, Louisiana, where he graduated from
9 Mangham High School in 1960; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1964, Noble Ellington earned his Bachelor of Science in agriculture
11 from Louisiana Tech University, in Ruston, Louisiana, in Lincoln Parish, and later that same
12 year he married the woman who would become the mother of his two sons, Noble Ellington
13 III and Ryan Fred Ellington; and

14 WHEREAS, Noble Ellington was a cotton merchant and operated Noble Ellington
15 Cotton Company, Inc., an extremely successful enterprise; and

16 WHEREAS, in his early married years, Mr. Ellington ran his company, but he also
17 was active in civic affairs in Northeast Louisiana, where he was involved with the Farm
18 Bureau, the Northeast Louisiana Agriculture and Business Council, and the Chamber of

1 Commerce; he also served as the director of the Winnsboro Economic Development
2 Corporation, served on the board of directors of the bank and the hospital in this rural corner
3 of Louisiana, became the national director of the Jaycees, and served on the board of the
4 Louisiana Baptist Children's Home Orphanage in Ruston; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1964, Noble E. Ellington III was born to the couple, followed three
6 years later by son, Ryan, completing the next generation of Ellingtons; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1987 Noble Ellington II ran his first race for political office, seeking
8 Louisiana House of Representatives seat for District 20, serving the first of what would be
9 two consecutive terms; and

10 WHEREAS, Noble Ellington became involved with the American Legislative
11 Executive Council (ALEC) and served as national chairman, chairman of the Southern
12 Legislative Conference Rural Development Steering Committee, was an active member of
13 the Legislative Rural Caucus, along with many other organization memberships and in 1991,
14 he was reelected to the House of Representatives, continuing to represent District 20; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1995, Representative Ellington successfully ran to replace Senator
16 Steve Thompson, who decided not to run at the end of the term, and he became the senator
17 representing Senate District 32, where he served until term-limited in 2008; and

18 WHEREAS, while in the legislature, Senator Ellington was tireless in representing
19 the people and interests of Northeast Louisiana and he served on numerous influential
20 committees and as chairman of several Senate committees, including Labor and Industrial
21 Relations, Judiciary A, Judiciary B, and Transportation, Highways and Public Works; and

22 WHEREAS, as a member of the House, Noble Ellington was chairman of the
23 Legislative Audit Advisory Council and held additional committee assignments, serving on
24 Insurance, Appropriations, Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, and the Special
25 Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs; and

26 WHEREAS, as a senator and a representative, Noble Ellington received many awards
27 from various civic and governmental groups and he was twice named *Legislator of the Year*
28 by the Rural Hospital Coalition and honored with *Outstanding Legislator* awards by the
29 Louisiana Association of Educators and Jobs for America's Graduates; and

30 WHEREAS, Noble Ellington was the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police

1 *Senator of the Year*, as well as numerous other accolades; and

2 WHEREAS, when Senator Ellington was no longer eligible to run for reelection in
3 the Senate in 2008, because of term limits, he ran for his old House of Representatives seat,
4 representing District 20 and he was elected to represent those constituents until January 9,
5 2012, at which time his illustrious legislative career came to a close; and

6 WHEREAS, in that final term, Noble Ellington changed his political party affiliation
7 to Republican and on December 17, 2010, he made the switch official, which gave the
8 Republican party its first majority in the Louisiana House of Representatives since the
9 Reconstruction era, a momentous milestone in Louisiana politics; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2016, Noble Ellington's legislative experience and expertise led him
11 to be called upon by newly elected governor, John Bel Edwards, to serve as director of
12 legislative affairs for the new administration and his pleasant demeanor and his propensity
13 to have a good word for all he encounters continue to inhabit the halls of power at the state
14 capitol with a comforting continuity that harkens back to a time when women and men who
15 served in the legislature saw themselves as the servants of the people, always seeking what
16 is best for the citizens of this great state of Louisiana.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby commend Noble Edward Ellington II upon his exceptional career in public
19 service spanning more than four decades, both as an elected representative of the people in
20 the Louisiana State Senate and the House of Representatives and as an appointed office
21 holder as the chief deputy insurance commissioner and as legislative affairs director for
22 Governor John Bel Edwards.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
24 Senator Noble Edward Ellington II.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.
