

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 197

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Senator Yvonne Colomb for her many years of public service in the Senate and the Legislature of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Honorable Yvonne Colomb for over twenty-five years of outstanding  
3 public service on behalf of the citizens of Baton Rouge and Louisiana through her  
4 tenure in both chambers of the Louisiana Legislature.

5 WHEREAS, for more than two decades Senator Yvonne Colomb has used her  
6 legislative experience to promote community services in Baton Rouge's poorest  
7 neighborhoods; and

8 WHEREAS, Yvonne Colomb was born and reared in the city of Baton Rouge, where  
9 she matriculated through the public school system of East Baton Rouge Parish, having  
10 graduated from Capitol High School and attended both Southern University and Louisiana  
11 State University, attaining a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Louisiana State  
12 University; and

13 WHEREAS, Yvonne developed her recognized expertise in management and public  
14 service while employed with the 19th Judicial District Clerk of Court's Office, where in just  
15 a few years she rose from an entry level position to become Executive Administrator,  
16 managing a five million dollar budget and supervising two hundred fifty employees in  
17 eighteen departments; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1993, Senator Colomb was first elected to the State Legislature

1 representing House District 67, where she was instrumental in passing legislation affecting  
2 children and young adults, healthcare, the elderly, teachers, and other school personnel; she  
3 was twice reelected and in her final term in the House of Representatives, she was elected  
4 Speaker Pro Tempore; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2007, the constituents of Senate District 14 believed in Yvonne and  
6 elected her to the upper chamber where she carried the commitment of supporting social  
7 issues for the interests of the poor, the disenfranchised, the young, and the elderly; and

8 WHEREAS, during her tenure in the Louisiana Senate, Senator Colomb has served  
9 on several standing committees including Local and Municipal Affairs, which she currently  
10 chairs, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, Judiciary C (former chairman), Health and Welfare,  
11 Education, the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, and the Select Committee on  
12 Women and Children; and

13 WHEREAS, as a fighter for change, Senator Colomb has been a major force in the  
14 passing of landmark legislation such as the Louisiana Uniform Adult Guardianship Act, the  
15 Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act, the Louisiana Family Care Giver Act, and Real ID;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Colomb has been celebrated for her civic achievements  
18 throughout public life as the deserving recipient of many honors; one of her most recent  
19 awards includes the Women in Politics Making a Difference Award from NCSL Women's  
20 Legislative Network, which noted that, "Her connection to the community is deeply felt.  
21 Every fall, she sponsors events around the community where she gives away school supplies  
22 to thousands of children. Each summer she raises money and leads two-week trips where  
23 disadvantaged youth are given the opportunity to travel on their first vacation to destinations  
24 across the U.S. such as Disneyland or the Grand Canyon. Her commitment to not only  
25 serving her community but inspiring its youth is why we are proud to name her one of our  
26 awardees"; and

27 WHEREAS, from Holy Scripture, Proverbs Chapter 3, Verses 1 and 2 read, "*My son,*  
28 *forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long*  
29 *life, and peace, shall they add to thee*"; and as a Christian, Yvonne Colomb has lived by faith  
30 and as a legislator she has served her constituents with passion straight from the heart; and

