

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 100

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Senator Louie Bernard for his forty-four years of dedicated public service.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Honorable Louie Bernard on his forty-four years of dedicated public
3 service to the state of Louisiana and to express enduring gratitude for his outstanding
4 contributions made on behalf of his constituents of the parishes of Natchitoches,
5 Rapides, Red River, Sabine, and Winn.

6 WHEREAS, Senator Louis C. "Louie" Bernard is one of seven children born to
7 Henry and Jessie Bernard in Natchitoches, Louisiana; he attended Natchitoches High School
8 and is a proud graduate of Northwestern State University; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Bernard began his career in public service as Secretary of the
10 Natchitoches Parish Police Jury where he served for sixteen years before running for Clerk
11 of Court of Natchitoches Parish; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Bernard served twenty-four years as Clerk of Court of
13 Natchitoches Parish; while serving as the clerk of court, Senator Bernard served as the
14 President of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association from 1999 to 2000 and again from
15 2010 to 2011; and

16 WHEREAS, while serving as the Clerk of Court for Natchitoches Parish, Senator
17 Bernard was known for the integrity he brought to the office, the positive relationships he
18 fostered with judges, staff, and attorneys, and his recruitment of local Northwestern State

1 University students for positions at the court; and

2 WHEREAS, often in attendance at festivals, parades, and events, Senator Bernard
3 readily shows how much he dearly loves the people of Natchitoches Parish; and

4 WHEREAS, being the ever eloquent, silver-tongued devil he is, Senator Bernard is
5 always in demand as the master of ceremonies of countless parish, state, and national events;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, as part of the immense pride he has in serving the people of
8 Natchitoches Parish, he also uses his gift with words, whether spoken or with the stroke of
9 a pen, to console many families during life's difficult times; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Bernard retired as the Clerk of Court of Natchitoches Parish in
11 2016, and his service was celebrated at the Louisiana Clerks of Court annual retirement
12 luncheon in New Orleans; and

13 WHEREAS, after a brief rest, Senator Bernard desired to continue his public service
14 and in 2020, he filed to be a candidate for the Louisiana State Senate District 31 seat
15 representing Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, and Winn Parishes; and

16 WHEREAS, on Monday, January 13, 2020, in the Louisiana State Senate Chamber,
17 Senator Bernard took the oath of office and was officially seated as the State Senator from
18 Louisiana Senate District 31; and

19 WHEREAS, a humble man with dry wit and a sense of humor, Senator Bernard
20 brought with him to the Louisiana State Senate the same desire and dedication to serve the
21 constituents who elected him to the office and serve all citizens of Louisiana; and

22 WHEREAS, a natural problem solver, Senator Bernard focuses on details and is open
23 to sit at the table and work with others to address their concerns; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Bernard's committee assignments include Senate Committee
25 on Insurance, serving as the vice chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry,
26 Aquaculture, and Rural Development, Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and
27 Public Works, Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, as an interim member, and,
28 Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay; and

29 WHEREAS, in June of 2022, Senator Bernard announced that he would not be
30 seeking reelection; the completion of his term as state senator will end forty-four years of

