

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 207

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Tina Vanichchagorn on the occasion of twenty years of distinguished public service to the state of Louisiana and to recognize her outstanding contributions to the legal and legislative communities.

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to recognize individuals whose careers exemplify a commitment to excellence in public service and the law; and

WHEREAS, Tina Vanichchagorn has demonstrated commitment throughout her twenty-year career, having served in critical legal and governmental positions at the state level since earning a Bachelor of Civil Law and Juris Doctorate from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in May 2005; and

WHEREAS, her distinguished academic achievements included receiving the highest grade in Legal Research and Writing and participation in both criminal and civil Flory Trials; and

WHEREAS, she began her career in public service as a law intern for the Honorable James J. Brady in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana and then as a law clerk to the Honorable Anthony J. Marabella in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated a firm commitment to justice, having served as an Assistant Public Defender and later as an Assistant District Attorney in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, representing both indigent clients and the state in a wide range of criminal proceedings; and

WHEREAS, she further contributed to judicial innovation and rehabilitation efforts as the Drug Court Coordinator for the Nineteenth Judicial District Drug Treatment Court, where she played a pivotal role in program management and policy implementation; and

WHEREAS, her legislative expertise was evident through her work as an attorney for the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure and then for the House Committee on Appropriations, where she helped shape important legislation, including complex legal reforms and state budgets; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, she joined Governor John Bel Edwards, serving with increasing responsibility from deputy executive counsel to special counsel, and then as executive counsel, where she provided legal guidance on a broad range of policy issues, legislative agendas, emergency responses, and constitutional matters; and

WHEREAS, for the past eighteen months, Tina has served as special counsel to Senate President Cameron Henry, offering sound legal guidance and playing a key role in helping him address and manage several significant and contentious matters before the Senate; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Tina has been a trusted legal advisor, policy strategist, and public servant whose integrity, intelligence, and dedication have contributed greatly to the betterment of the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Tina Vanichchagorn on the occasion of her twentieth anniversary of dedicated public service and does extend to her best wishes for continued success and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tina Vanichchagorn.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE