

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Etta Jane Harris on her retirement.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Etta Jane Harris for more than forty-four years of exceptional  
3 public service upon the occasion of her retirement.

4 WHEREAS, Etta Jane Harris began her distinguished career in state government in  
5 1979, at the age of nineteen, embarking upon more than forty-four years of dedicated public  
6 service; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout her remarkable tenure, Ms. Harris has been a steadfast  
8 advocate for single-family housing, access to public services, children in the child welfare  
9 system, individuals with disabilities, and people who are hungry and in need; and

10 WHEREAS, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Master  
11 of Public Administration, with a concentration in budget and finance, from Southern  
12 University and A&M College; and

13 WHEREAS, she has served with distinction as a state budget manager for the  
14 commissioner of administration under several administrations, providing expertise across  
15 numerous policy areas, including education, juvenile justice, special schools, social services,  
16 and coordinated system care; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Harris' exceptional leadership led to her appointment as deputy  
18 undersecretary of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, where she

1 often presented information to, or testified before, legislators, members of the judiciary,  
2 advocacy organizations, and professional audiences; and

3 WHEREAS, she was appointed to serve as a member on several significant bodies,  
4 including the Education Estimating Conference Committee, the Children's Cabinet, and the  
5 Juvenile Justice Committee, further demonstrating her trusted expertise and meaningful  
6 influence in state governance; and

7 WHEREAS, widely respected by colleagues and peers, Ms. Harris is known not only  
8 for her professional accomplishments but also for her mentorship, impeccable style,  
9 commanding presence, and ability to uplift those around her; and

10 WHEREAS, her warmth, humor, kindness, energy, and gracious spirit have enriched  
11 the lives of all who have had the privilege of working with her; and

12 WHEREAS, as she transitions into a well-earned retirement, she looks forward to  
13 traveling, maintaining her passion for fitness, pursuing activities such as running, biking, and  
14 swimming, and spending time with friends and family, including her two beloved sons.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
16 does hereby commend and congratulate Etta Jane Harris for her more than forty-four years  
17 of exemplary public service and does hereby extend best wishes for a fulfilling and joyful  
18 retirement.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Etta  
20 Jane Harris.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.  
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or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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