

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 143

BY SENATOR MURRAY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dean Baquet on being named executive editor of the New York Times newspaper.

WHEREAS, Dean Baquet, age fifty-seven, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, will become the first African-American executive editor at one of the nation's highest profile newspapers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baquet is "a consummate journalist whose reputation as a fierce advocate for his reporters and editors is well deserved"; and

WHEREAS, he is an enthusiastic supporter of the push towards further creativity in the approach of the digital expression of journalism; and

WHEREAS, he began his newspaper career in New Orleans at The States-Item and later worked for The Times-Picayune; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baquet has been the managing editor for news at the New York Times since September 2011, and also served as editor of the Los Angeles Times; and

WHEREAS, as a reporter at the Chicago Tribune, Baquet won the Pulitzer Prize for investigative journalism in 1988 for coverage of Chicago City Council corruption; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baquet made national headlines when he landed the Los Angeles position as the first African-American editor of a major newspaper.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Dean Baquet on being named executive editor of the New York Times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dean Baquet.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE