

2017 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR MORRELL

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Judge Dennis R. Bagneris on the occasion of his retirement from the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Judge Dennis R. Bagneris for his many years of public
3 service and on the occasion of his retirement from the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court
4 of Appeal.

5 WHEREAS, Dennis R. Bagneris, a native of New Orleans and a graduate of St.
6 Augustine High School, attended Xavier University of Louisiana where he earned a Bachelor
7 of Arts in history and political science and a master's degree in guidance and counseling
8 before earning a Juris Doctor from Tulane University Law School in 1981; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Bagneris, during his career of public service served as a case
10 worker for the Louisiana Department of Public Welfare from 1970 to 1972; a probation
11 officer with the New Orleans Alcohol Safety Action Project from 1972 to 1974; a pre-med
12 recruiter for Xavier University from 1974 to 1976; and a freshman counselor with Xavier
13 University from 1976 to 1978; and the New Orleans Indigent Defender Program from 1980
14 to 1982; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Bagneris was first elected to represent District 3 in the Louisiana
16 State Senate in 1983, during which time he served as president of the Louisiana Legislative
17 Black Caucus from 1989 to 1990 and was elected by the members of the Senate to serve as
18 their president pro tempore in 1992 until his 1999 election as a judge on the Louisiana

1 Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, a position he held until his retirement in 2016; and

2 WHEREAS, Judge Bagneris received numerous awards and accolades during his
3 career, including the Concerned Citizens for Better Government Appreciation Award in
4 1985; the Crusade Award, Louisiana Voter Registration Education in 1986; the American
5 Association of Retired Persons Award in 1990; the Citizen Reddy Education Award in 1992;
6 and the Louisiana Association of the Deaf Award in 1993; and

7 WHEREAS, Judge Bagneris was a recipient of the Sidney N. Collier Memorial
8 Award in 1987; the award for Meritorious Service, Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus from
9 1989-1990; the Louisiana Association of Educators Distinguished Service Award in 1990;
10 the Senator of the Year Award presented by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers in 1990;
11 and the City of New Orleans Certificate of Merit in 1992; and

12 WHEREAS, additionally, he received the Recognition Award from the American
13 Association of Blacks in Energy in 1992; the Meritorious Leadership Award from
14 Anheuser-Busch Company in 1992; the Outstanding Legislator Award, Victims & Citizens
15 Against Crime in 1992; the Appreciation Award, Reality House in 1994; the Legislator of
16 the Year Award from The ARC of Louisiana in 1994; and the Outstanding Alumnus Award
17 from Tulane University in 1995; and

18 WHEREAS, the numerous and varied accomplishments of Judge Dennis R. Bagneris
19 have had a positive impact on the social ecology of Louisiana and he has worked arduously
20 for the causes of social justice and lent his leadership skills and abilities to every facet of
21 Louisiana's legal system; and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Bagneris is married to the former Renee' Wing, and their lives
23 together have been filled with love and laughter, and blessed with four wonderful children;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Judge Bagneris has lent his hands, his heart, and his irrepressible talents
26 to all manner of public service here in Louisiana and we as a society are better for his efforts;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, a classic gentleman, charismatic and good-natured, Judge Bagneris is
29 well known for his legal mind, quick wit, and contagious smile; and

30 WHEREAS, Judge Bagneris deserves heartfelt acknowledgment for his service on

1 the bench as an officer of the court and for the extraordinary strides he has taken to improve
2 the function of state government while serving as an exceptional member of the Louisiana
3 Legislature.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
5 does hereby commend and congratulate Judge Dennis R. Bagneris on the occasion of his
6 retirement and for his years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Louisiana, and does
7 hereby express the admiration and gratitude of this body for his exemplary service to both
8 the legislative and judiciary branches of state government, and does hereby wish him
9 continued success in all his future endeavors.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
11 Judge Dennis R. Bagneris.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

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