

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATORS MORRELL, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, BROWN, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Judge Bagneris was first elected to represent District 3 in the Louisiana State Senate in 1983, during which time he served as president of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus from 1989 to 1990 and was elected by the members of the Senate to serve as their president pro tempore in 1992 until his 1999 election as a judge on the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, a position he held until his retirement in 2016; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Judge Bagneris deserves heartfelt acknowledgment for his service on the bench as an officer of the court and for the extraordinary strides he has taken to improve the function of state government while serving as an exceptional member of the Louisiana Legislature.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Judge Dennis R. Bagneris on the occasion of his retirement and for his years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Louisiana, and does

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hereby express the admiration and gratitude of this body for his exemplary service to both the legislative and judiciary branches of state government, and does hereby wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE