

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY SENATOR HARRIS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dr. Dawn Harris Jeffries on becoming the new president and CEO of the Tri-County (Peoria) Urban League.

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Dawn Harris Jeffries on becoming the new president and CEO of the Tri-County (Peoria) Urban League.

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, the Tri-County (Peoria) Urban League Board of Directors announced the selection of Dr. Dawn Harris Jeffries as the new president and CEO of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dawn Harris Jeffries brings to the Tri-County Urban League over twenty years' experience in finance, global wealth management, and strategy; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, Dr. Jeffries has held various leadership positions during her tenure with Merrill Lynch & Co., such as financial advisor and a variety of management positions, including serving as vice president and manager of the audit function for the Capital Markets Bank operations based in Europe, Asia, and Africa, and she has held a global supervisory role with oversight for nearly one trillion dollars in client assets; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeffries is also the founder and executive director of Girls Light Our Way, (GLOW), a nonprofit organization which provides tools for mental, physical, and nutritional wellness, self-efficacy, financial literacy, and social/cultural capital for girls in Central Illinois; and

WHEREAS, through her hard work and dedication, Dr. Jeffries' career has been full

1 of accomplishments, which has been highlighted in local newspapers, business magazines,
2 and publications; and

3 WHEREAS, in selecting Dr. Jeffries, Mr. Glenn R. Ross, Board Chairperson, said
4 "On behalf of the Tri-County Urban League Board of Directors, we welcome Dr. Dawn
5 Jeffries to the Urban League movement. Dr. Jeffries is a proven leader. The breadth of her
6 knowledge and experiences positions her well to lead the Tri-County Urban League as we
7 pursue the vision of creating equitable opportunities for success, empowering people, and
8 improving lives."; and

9 WHEREAS, the Tri-County Urban League President is responsible for daily agency
10 operations in conjunction with the board of directors, staff and volunteers, and providing
11 innovative leadership and vision to achieve the mission of advancing the regional economy
12 and quality of life in Central Illinois by promoting education and improving the
13 employability skills, self-sufficiency and social well-being of African Americans and people
14 in need; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Jeffries is an extraordinary and inspiring individual whose helpful
16 and devoted actions have consistently gone far and above the call of duty, and she merits a
17 special measure of commendation for the tremendous pride and honor she brings to her
18 family, mentees, and friends as she prepares to begin a new chapter in her life on June 7,
19 2021, as president of the Tri-County Urban League; and

20 WHEREAS, a Louisiana native, Dr. Jeffries is a graduate of St. Mary's Dominican
21 High School in New Orleans, Louisiana, Spelman College, and Benedictine University.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby commend Dr. Dawn Harris Jeffries on becoming the new president and CEO
24 of the Tri-County (Peoria) Urban League.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Dr. Dawn Harris Jeffries.

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

	DIGEST	
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