

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

A RESOLUTION

To commend Wanda Theresa Anderson Davis for her professional accomplishments.

WHEREAS, Wanda Theresa Anderson Davis was born on July 31, 1959, to Louis and Shirley Anderson and was raised on East 26th Street in Reserve, Louisiana; she graduated from Leon Godchaux High School in 1977, earned a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast journalism with a minor in history from Louisiana State University in 1981, and completed a juris doctor degree and graduated cum laude from Southern University Law Center in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar in 1985 and began her legal career in Washington, D.C., serving as one of the twelve attorneys selected to represent the United States Department of Labor; she returned to Louisiana to serve as in-house counsel for the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority and focused her practice on personal injury litigation and corporate law; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis joined the firm of Berrigan, Danielson, Litchfield, Olsen and Schonekas, where she served as a trial attorney; in 1987, she joined the Law Offices of Ronald Ronzello, where she concentrated her practice on personal injury, corporate, and commercial litigation for nearly a decade and attained the status of senior trial attorney; and

WHEREAS, since November 2002, Wanda has worked in private practice as a partner at Leefe, Gibbs, Sullivan and Dupré; she currently practices with a concentration on defense litigation, corporate law, and commercial matters; and

WHEREAS, Wanda has argued cases before state and federal administrative courts, Louisiana district and appellate courts, the Louisiana Supreme Court, United States district courts, and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Wanda served as a Louisiana Supreme Court-appointed ad hoc judge in the New Orleans Municipal Court from 2000 to 2004; she has served as a Disciplinary Hearing Committee member since 1996; she was a member of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board from 2003 to 2007 and served as the board president before rotating off the board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis has held numerous leadership roles in the legal profession, including chair and vice chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association Minority Involvement Committee, chair of the Louisiana Center for Legal and Civic Education, and president of the A.P. Tureaud LSU Alumni Chapter; she served as president of the New Orleans Association of Black Women Attorneys from 1990 to 1994 and is a member of the Louis Martinet Legal Society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis regularly teaches continuing legal education seminars and has served as faculty for the National Business Institute and Sterling Education Services; she has delivered presentations at programs hosted by the American Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association, and Tulane University, and she has authored both legal and non-legal published articles; and

WHEREAS, Wanda has an incredible sense of civic duty and a longstanding commitment to community service; she has served on the Louisiana Civil Rights Museum Advisory Board since 2019 and currently serves as the board's recording secretary; she has been a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., since 1979 and has held numerous leadership positions, including president of the Rho Pi Omega Chapter from 2011 to 2014 and chair of the Archives-History Committee from 2015 to 2020; she co-authored the chapter's history book and currently serves as the co-chair of the Social Justice Committee; and

WHEREAS, Wanda provides pro bono legal education to churches and community organizations and has served in leadership and advisory roles with Scouting America, De La Salle High School, Tea Time Etiquette Camp for Girls, and the First Tee Program; and

WHEREAS, Wanda is an active member of the Regular Baptist Church in Gretna, Louisiana, where she has served as president and curator of the church's history ministry since 2018; she led the research and development of the church's first history museum,

documenting its history from 1866 to present day, and she serves as a Sunday school teacher, choir member, and participant in multiple church ministries; and

WHEREAS, Wanda has received numerous awards recognizing her professional excellence and community service, including honors for more than thirteen years of service to the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary System and more than forty years of service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; she also has been recognized for her pro bono outreach to New Orleans Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Wanda is married to Charles Ray Davis, and she is the mother of Rayanda and Devin and grandmother of Khalil; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Theresa Anderson Davis is an inspiring legal professional who is most deserving of the highest recognition for her many achievements and for her dedication to community service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Wanda Theresa Anderson Davis for her professional accomplishments; does hereby extend enduring appreciation for her dedication to community service; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that she remain prosperous in all of her endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES