

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 199

BY SENATOR GALLOT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dr. Lamore J. Carter on being awarded the Legion of Honor with the rank of Chevalier from France.

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Dr. Lamore J. Carter on being awarded the Legion of Honor with the rank of Chevalier from the French Republic.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Dr. Lamore J. Carter upon being awarded from the French Republic, the Legion of Honor, with the rank of Chevalier, France's highest honor - a "Chevalier de la legion d'honneur," or a French Knight in the order of the Legion of Honor and to recognize him for his many outstanding achievements throughout his long and illustrious life; and

WHEREAS, the Legion of Honor was established by Napoleon Bonaparte on May 19, 1802, and is the highest decoration in France; and

WHEREAS, the Legion of Honor is divided into five degrees: Chevalier, Officer, Commander, Grand Officer, and Grand Croix; and

WHEREAS, being named a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor in France is the equivalent to knighthood in England; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter was named a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor in France for his vital contribution to the United States' decisive role in the liberation of France during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lamore J. Carter merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of

1 commendation for his singular contributions to the war effort in Europe as part of the United
2 States Army during World War II; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Lamore J. Carter, was drafted at eighteen and served in Europe as
4 a nineteen-year-old platoon sergeant and a member of the legendary "Red Ball Express," the
5 mostly African-American unit that helped ship supplies to General George S. Patton's Army
6 during World War II; and

7 WHEREAS, for two years after serving in the Army, Dr. Carter attended Wiley
8 College in Marshall, Texas, for two years; and

9 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Fisk University in
10 Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Carter received a master's degree in psychology from the
11 University of Wisconsin at Madison and started a doctoral program there; and

12 WHEREAS, he then headed south and taught for a few years at Grambling State
13 University before completing his PhD at University of Iowa and in 1958, returned to GSU
14 where he remained for forty-one years, including serving as Provost/Vice President for
15 Academic Affairs and Eminent Professor of Psychology and Education Emeritus; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1993, the same year he retired from GSU, Dr. Carter returned to
17 Wiley College to serve as president of the historically black college from 1993-96; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Carter is a distinguished member, as Tom Brokaw wrote in his
19 book, *The Greatest Generation*, of "a generation that, by and large, made no demands of
20 homage from those who followed and prospered economically, politically, and culturally
21 because of its sacrifices ... a generation of towering achievement and modest demeanor, a
22 legacy of their formative years when they were participants in and witness to sacrifices of
23 the highest order ... in the ravages of the greatest war the world has seen"; it is, quite simply,
24 "the greatest generation any society has ever produced"; and

25 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Dr. Lamore J. Carter be acknowledged and lauded
26 for his dedication to his country during the Second World War and for the sacrifices he made
27 in the name of freedom.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
29 does hereby commend Dr. Lamore J. Carter upon being awarded the Legion of Honor with
30 the rank of Chevalier from France, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his

1 outstanding accomplishments and manifold contributions during World War II, and does
2 hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride that he brings to
3 his family, friends, and community, the state of Louisiana, the United States of America, and
4 the Republic of France.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr.
6 Lamore J. Carter.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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