

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 202

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Senator Elbert Guillory on his years of distinguished public service in the Legislature of Louisiana.

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Elbert Lee Guillory and to express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions to St. Landry Parish, Lafayette Parish, and the state of Louisiana, particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana representing Senate District No. 24 and the House of Representatives representing House District No. 40 for a total of eight years of exemplary legislative service.

WHEREAS, it is with great respect and appreciation for a job well done that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana congratulates Senator Elbert Guillory, a favorite son of Opelousas, Louisiana, for his many accomplishments in public life; and

WHEREAS, as chairman of the Senate Retirement Committee, Senator Guillory worked diligently to improve the stability and actuarial soundness of all state and statewide retirement systems while protecting the interests of taxpayers, current employees, and retirees; and

WHEREAS, these adjustments in system management implemented during his tenure will insure benefits for future generations of local and state retirees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Guillory's success as a legislator can be attributed to his qualities as a trusted leader, his open-mindedness, and his approachable, laid-back style that

1 immediately puts everyone at ease; and

2 WHEREAS, a graduate of J. S. Clark Senior High School in Opelousas, he has
3 acquired exceptional educational credentials that include a bachelor of science degree from
4 Norfolk State University and a juris doctorate from Rutgers School of Law; he taught classes
5 at Rutgers University for a time and further matriculated at Southern University and New
6 York Theological Seminary; and

7 WHEREAS, practicing criminal law for over forty years, Senator Guillory's public
8 service began with the successful operation of numerous governmental entities within the
9 states of Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Washington; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2007, he was successfully elected to an unexpired term to represent
11 the constituency of House District No. 40 in the Louisiana House of Representatives; at that
12 time Elbert Guillory garnered assignments to House standing committees on Appropriations,
13 the Administration of Criminal Justice and the Judiciary; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2009, Representative Guillory became a senator, representing Senate
15 District No. 24 and continued to serve the people of Acadiana in the legislature for a total
16 of eight years; and

17 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Louisiana State Senate, Senator Guillory has
18 served with great diligence as the chairman of the Senate Committee on Retirement with
19 membership on the Senate standing committees on Insurance, Education, Judiciary C, Local
20 and Municipal Affairs, Health and Welfare, the Select Committee on Veterans Affairs, and
21 with special assignments as chairman to both the Public Employees Retirement Systems
22 Actuarial Committee and the Reentry Advisory Council at the Department of Public Safety
23 and Corrections; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Guillory is the most deserving recipient of numerous honors
25 and awards throughout the course of his career with receipt of the Frederick Douglass Award
26 from the At-Large Society, the Patrick Henry Award from the Louisiana Family Forum and
27 the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame Award from the Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum
28 Foundation, as well as being named as Legislator of the Year by the Greater Southwest
29 Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana Right to Life Federation, and Louisiana
30 State Police; and

1 WHEREAS, his affiliations with civic, professional, and nonprofit organizations
2 include the Chamber of Commerce, Indigent Defense Board, and Bar Association of the
3 Parish of St. Landry, Acadian Legal Service, New Life Center Advisory Board, the Salvation
4 Army, Rotary International, and the American Cancer Society; and

5 WHEREAS, as a member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Senator Guillory holds
6 membership in several religious service entities that include the Knights of Columbus, the
7 Knights of St. Peter Claver, and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher; he received the
8 Bishop's Service Award from the Archdiocese of Lafayette and acts as a board member for
9 Catholic Services of Lafayette; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Guillory faithfully served his country with enlistment in the
11 United States Navy during the Vietnam Era obtaining the rank of E-5; and

12 WHEREAS, as Senator Elbert Guillory prepares to begin the next exciting and
13 productive chapter of his life, he merits a sincere measure of commendation for the many
14 contributions he has made as an exceptional member of the Legislature of Louisiana and for
15 his distinguished service to family, community, and country.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17 does hereby commend the Honorable Elbert L. Guillory for his service to the constituents
18 of Senate District No. 24, House District No. 40, and to all the citizens of this great state.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
20 hereby recognize his memorable and effective contributions and offer best wishes for
21 success in all future endeavors.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
23 Senator Elbert L. Guillory of Senate District No. 24.

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

	DIGEST	
SR 202 Original	2015 Regular Session	Alario
Commends Senator Elbert Guillory for his years of public service in the legislature.		