

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 221

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Camille Denson upon the occasion of her retirement after three decades of public service to the state of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Kathryn Camille Denson, administrative secretary to Senate President John A.
3 Alario Jr., for her distinguished career and exemplary public service to the state of
4 Louisiana and to congratulate her upon the occasion of her retirement from the
5 Louisiana State Senate.

6 WHEREAS, at this time, the membership of the Senate of the Legislature of
7 Louisiana wishes to commend Camille Denson for twenty-six years of exceptional service
8 to this body; and

9 WHEREAS, with a total of over thirty-one years of state service, Camille embarked
10 on her public service career with employment in the state departments of agriculture and
11 labor; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1991, Camille began her duties with the Senate with assignments as
13 secretary to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee working with chairmen, senators
14 Mike Cross, Gerry Hinton, and Don Hines and later as secretary to the Senate Education
15 Committee working with chairmen, senators Tom Schedler and Ben Nevers; and

16 WHEREAS, Camille served in the office of president of the Senate on two separate
17 occasions, first during the administration of Senate President Donald E. "Don" Hines and
18 lastly under Senate President John A. Alario Jr.; and

1 WHEREAS, during her tenure, Camille has always been loyal and dedicated, willing
2 to go the extra mile and to share her knowledge and expertise with others, and she has
3 conducted herself in the most cordial, concise, and compassionate manner possible and
4 presented a kind demeanor in every situation; and

5 WHEREAS, Camille has always focused on the task at hand; she is a planner who
6 accounts for all the minute details and logistics of a committee meeting or other
7 circumstance that demand her undivided attention; and

8 WHEREAS, while in the office of the senate president, Camille's many tasks
9 included greeting visitors, assisting in meeting schedules, handling correspondence, and
10 coordinating the events for Former Legislators Recognition Day; and

11 WHEREAS, Camille was born to parents Albert and Mignon Elias and attended
12 LaSalle High School, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, and Northeast Louisiana
13 State College; now known as the University of Louisiana-Monroe; and

14 WHEREAS, she was married to John E. Denson, an equestrian and horse trainer, for
15 twenty years and together they reared two sons, Michael Todd and John Bradley, teaching
16 them to ride as soon as they could sit on a saddle; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1988, John died suddenly from cardiac arrest; widowed, Camille
18 became sole provider for her family in an instant; she supported her family and life was
19 difficult at times, but she succeeded and provided for everyone; many sacrifices were made,
20 but they all survived and thrived; and

21 WHEREAS, after three decades, July 15, 2017, is the date of her retirement from
22 state government and Camille intends to enjoy each day of retirement to its fullest; and

23 WHEREAS, "Dolce far Niente" is an Italian expression which translates as "the
24 sweetness of doing nothing", although Camille shall fill her leisure time with the pursuit of
25 varied interests that include visits with her grandson, Lucas; and her granddaughters,
26 Madison and McKenzie; travel to far-off places and trips to the beach, and reading works
27 of fiction, there shall also be "lazy" days that are delightfully quiet and serene; and

28 WHEREAS, in the days to follow, Camille shall fondly recall the memories of
29 longtime friendships, past legislative sessions, numerous sine dies, the rarefied environment
30 of state government, and the colorful cast of characters that have populated the state

1 legislature over the years.

2 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
3 does hereby commend Kathryn Camille Denson upon her thirty-one years of extraordinary
4 public service and congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement from the Louisiana
5 State Senate on July 15, 2017.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
7 hereby extend best wishes for success in all future endeavors to Camille Denson from those
8 legislators, staff members, and friends, both past and present, who have shared a substantial
9 portion of their lives with her at the state capitol.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Camille is hereby endowed with a special
11 "Senate Retirement Blessing" that she live a long, happy, and carefree life from this day
12 forward.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
14 Kathryn Camille Denson.

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

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