

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Eric LaFleur on his service in the Senate.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Honorable Eric LaFleur for his many years of invaluable public service in  
3 the Legislature of Louisiana and express enduring gratitude for his outstanding  
4 contributions to the people of District 28 and the state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Eric LaFleur is a native son from the heart of Cajun Louisiana, bringing  
6 the spirit of Acadiana into every part of his service, from his jovial, quick-witted demeanor  
7 to speaking French on the campaign trail and in committee; Senator LaFleur championed the  
8 preservation of the Acadian culture, legislating relative to the expansion of French  
9 Immersion instruction and funding for the Council for the Development of French in  
10 Louisiana (CODOFIL); and

11 WHEREAS, Senator LaFleur received his bachelor's degree from Louisiana State  
12 University and his Juris Doctor from Tulane Law School; and

13 WHEREAS, after obtaining his law degree, he served as a former assistant district  
14 attorney in New Orleans, a former law clerk with the Third Circuit Court of Appeal, and a  
15 former assistant attorney general with the Louisiana Department of Justice and then built a  
16 successful career as a businessman and an attorney, specializing in the complexities of public  
17 finance; and

18 WHEREAS, he has spent nearly two decades in the Louisiana Legislature, beginning

1 in 2000, with his election to the House of Representatives where he served for eight years  
2 and was a member of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, the  
3 House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, the House  
4 Committee on Appropriations, and the House Committee on Commerce, as well as the Joint  
5 Legislative Committee on the Budget; and

6 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Senate, Senator LaFleur served on the Senate  
7 Committee on Judiciary B, the Senate Committee on Insurance, and the Senate Committee  
8 on Education, for eight of his twelve years as the vice chairman, advocating for the  
9 improvement of the education system for all of Louisiana's children, and sponsoring  
10 legislation to preserve and advocate for the proliferation of the French language through  
11 statewide immersion programs; and

12 WHEREAS, through his efforts and commitments to his heritage and French  
13 language, Louisiana is now the only state to become a member of the International  
14 Organisation of La Francophonie, joining other countries with this distinction; and

15 WHEREAS, as a Senate member, Senator LaFleur continued his focus on state  
16 finances while serving on the Senate Committee on Finance and the Joint Legislative  
17 Committee on the Budget for eight years before being called upon by the Senate president  
18 to serve as the chairman for both committees during his last term in the Senate; and

19 WHEREAS, his years of service on the House Committee on Appropriations and the  
20 Senate Committee on Finance prepared him for the challenges and leadership necessary to  
21 serve during unprecedented fiscal turmoil in multiple extraordinary sessions, with each one  
22 culminating in a balanced budget achieved through compromise and commitment, and after  
23 four years of working towards fiscal and revenue stability, Senator LaFleur has contributed  
24 to the state's promising fiscal outlook; and

25 WHEREAS, he dedicated funding for the Picard Recreational and Educational Center  
26 and the Ville Platte Evangeline Recreational District and worked tirelessly over the last year  
27 to open the Acadiana Youth Center, a facility developed to carry out the provisions of  
28 juvenile justice reform; and

29 WHEREAS, one of Senator LaFleur's most important and serious acts in the state  
30 capitol involved utilizing the skills he learned as a member of the Ville Platte Voluntary Fire

1 Department, springing into action to employ CPR on one of our Senate sergeant at arms,  
2 saving his life, but breaking a rib; and

3 WHEREAS, no farewell to Senator LaFleur would be complete without recognizing  
4 his multiple introductions to the state Senate during the last term, his dance lessons on the  
5 Senate floor, his rat pack of friends that help him accomplish some of his best work (at 2:00  
6 a.m.), his trusty backpack, his love for Apple computers, his need for extra chargers for all  
7 of his electronic devices, and his infamous "This is America" Raw Milk speech; and

8 WHEREAS, as Senator LaFleur completes his final term in the Senate, after serving  
9 the state of Louisiana for twenty years, he will hopefully no longer have to manufacture  
10 "LaFleur Time" in order to spend more time with the four people who are his #1 priority, his  
11 wife of thirteen years, Julie, and their three children, Atticus, Amélie, and Alistair; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator LaFleur's colleagues hereby request the continuance of the  
13 pictures and videos of his children's events that he spent countless hours sharing as he  
14 criss-crossed the state attending baseball games and school events, along with updates on  
15 their newest family member, a labradoodle puppy, and of course, the beloved, "This could  
16 only happen to LaFleur" stories.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
18 does hereby commend the Honorable Eric LaFleur for two decades of invaluable public  
19 service in the Legislature of Louisiana and express enduring gratitude for his outstanding  
20 contributions to the people of District 28 and the state of Louisiana.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
22 Eric LaFleur and to his colleagues at 575 North 8th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sherry Phillips-Hymel.

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