

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 274

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office for earning three of the top awards from the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society (NLPES) for its body of work over the past four years and for its professionalism, innovation, and dedication to the betterment of the state.

WHEREAS, the NLPES is associated with the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the purpose of NLPES is to advance the professions of legislative program evaluation and performance auditing and to provide members with relevant training, opportunities for exchanging ideas and information, and recognition of superior performances; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Auditor's Office received the Excellence in Evaluation Award, which is presented to only one legislative audit office nationwide that has made significant contributions to legislative program evaluation or performance auditing over a four-year period; and

WHEREAS, between January 2015 and December 2018, the Legislative Auditor's Performance Audit Services produced 81 audits, covering numerous government programs and topics including state water systems, child care regulation, secure care juvenile justice facilities, statewide sexual harassment policies, management of state lands, tax credits, state bond practices, and multiple areas within the Medicaid program; these reports in total contained 350 recommendations to various agencies and 42 matters for legislative consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Auditor's Office also received the Excellence in Research Methods Award, which is given to the legislative audit office or offices using exemplary research methods in an evaluation or audit report; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Auditor's Performance Audit Services was recognized for the innovative methodology developed to evaluate the Louisiana State Bond Commission's oversight of local government bond issuance costs; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Auditor's Office also was awarded an NLPES Certificate of Impact, which is presented to the legislative audit office or offices producing an evaluation or audit report that results in documented public policy changes, program improvements, dollar savings, or other public impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Auditor's Performance Audit Services received the Certificate of Impact for its March 2017 report, "Louisiana Public Service Commission - Water Rates in Louisiana"; the purpose of the audit was to evaluate whether the rates charged by governmental water systems were high enough to cover their expenses and whether the Louisiana Public Service Commission approved water rates for private water systems in a timely manner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office for its professionalism, innovation, and dedication to the betterment of the state and for the national recognition it has received for its work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Daryl G. Purpera, Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE