

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Senator and Congressman-elect Troy A. Carter upon his election to the United States Congress, representing Louisiana's Second Congressional District.

WHEREAS, Pastor Eartha Flemings Carter raised Teddy, Kenneth, Gary, Gregory, Jill, and Troy Carter on the West Bank of Orleans Parish; and

WHEREAS, "Momsy" put herself through Xavier while raising her children and taught them the importance of faith, hard work, and service; and

WHEREAS, "Momsy" instilled in each of her children that they could do anything they set their minds to; and

WHEREAS, Troy Carter is the proud father of Troy II and Joshua Carter, Millie, Beaux, and Milo; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2019, Senator Troy A. Carter joined the love of his life, Brigadier General Andree' "Ana" Navarro, in marriage; and

WHEREAS, Troy Carter, the youngest of six children, was educated in the Orleans Parish Public School system and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Business Administration at Xavier University of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he also studied at Carnegie-Mellon's Graduate School of Urban and Public Affairs in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and served as an adjunct instructor of Political Science at Xavier University of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Troy Carter was awarded a Green Foundation Fellow to Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government's Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government; and

WHEREAS, Troy Carter has enjoyed a distinguished career in virtually every level of local and state government, which began when he served for six years as the Executive Assistant to New Orleans Mayor Sidney Barthelemy; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, he became the first African American to be elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives from the 102nd District (Algiers), served on the Education Committee, Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs Committee, and the Transportation, Highways and Public Works Committee, and also served as the youngest floor leader representing the city of New Orleans in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, in September 1992, during his first year as a state representative, Troy Carter was recognized by the Louisiana Municipal Association, which awarded him the Outstanding Legislator of the Year; he was also named to the "All Rookie Team 1993" by the late Louisiana political columnist John Maginnis; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Troy Carter was elected to the New Orleans City Council representing District C, which includes the historic French Quarter and the New Orleans Westbank – once again, the first African American to be elected to the position; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, he again made history by becoming the first incumbent District C council member in modern history to be reelected without opposition; and

WHEREAS, during his years on the council, Carter served with distinction and was a driving force in the renaissance of New Orleans with an enviable record of achievement; and

WHEREAS, Troy Carter is committed to the community and serves on numerous civic associations and in other organizations; and

WHEREAS, as a city councilman, Troy Carter served as Chairman of the City Council Special Development Projects Committee and the Ground Transportation Committee, the Utilities, Cable/Telecommunications Committee, and the Budget Committee; he was on the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board where he served as Chairman of the Operations Committee; and he was a member of the Board of Directors of the French Market Corporation, the Upper Pontalba Building Restoration Corporation, the New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation, the Greater New Orleans Tourist & Convention Commission, the Canal Street Development Corporation, and the Rivergate Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2016, Troy Carter was sworn in as the first African-American Louisiana State Senator for District 7 and has served as Chairman of the

Labor and Industrial Relations Committee and as a member of the Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs Committee, the Judiciary C Committee, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the Select Coastal Restoration and Flood Control Committee, the Select Committee on Homeland Security, and the Select Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, reelected in 2020 as a state senator, he has sought to raise the state's minimum wage and strengthen anti-discrimination laws against the LGBTQ+ community and has opposed measures which would restrict abortion and strengthen gun rights; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a state legislator, he authored or coauthored more than seventy-five bills which have become law; and

WHEREAS, Troy Carter is a member of the Louisiana Democratic Caucus, Jefferson Parish Legislative Delegation, Orleans Delegation, and Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, as well as Chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus; and

WHEREAS, he is an elected member of the Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee, where he is the Chairman of District C; he is the Chairman of the Board of the Algiers Development District; he was elected as a delegate to the 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020 Democratic National conventions; and was chosen to participate in the State Legislative Leaders Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Troy Carter is also a successful entrepreneur as the Managing Partner of Policy & Planning Partners, LLC in New Orleans as well as the CEO of Commonwealth Properties, LLC; he is founder and president of News N' Brews, Incorporated, which operated three successful gourmet coffeehouses in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, with the resignation of United States Representative Cedric Richmond in January 2021, Carter qualified for the special election to fill the vacant seat and in the run-off election held on April 24, 2021, he became the United States Representative-elect for Louisiana's Second Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Troy A. Carter, our colleague and friend, deserves a special measure of commendation for his past and current outstanding public service to his city, House district, Senate district, the state, and his commitment to serve as Congressman from Louisiana's Second Congressional District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Senator and Congressman-elect Troy A. Carter for his exemplary service to the city of New Orleans, House District 102, Senate District 7, and the state of Louisiana; does hereby congratulate him on his election as a United States Representative to Congress from Louisiana's Second Congressional District; and does hereby extend best wishes for success in the United States Congress and in other future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Senator and Congressman-elect Troy A. Carter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE