

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 200

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Mona Lisa Saloy on being appointed Louisiana Poet Laureate

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Mona Lisa Saloy on being appointed Louisiana Poet Laureate.

3 WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Mona Lisa Saloy for her prolific career
4 as a poet and expert on folklore traditions in Louisiana and to commend her on being
5 appointed Louisiana Poet Laureate; and

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Poet Laureate serves a two-year term as the state's literary
7 ambassador; he or she travels the state encouraging fellow Louisianians to explore and
8 engage with poetry; the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities oversees the nomination
9 process, in partnership with the governor of Louisiana, and sponsors Poet Laureate public
10 programming in libraries, museums, schools, community centers, and other non-profit
11 cultural institutions throughout the state; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Saloy earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of
13 Washington, and a master of arts degree from San Francisco State University; she earned
14 both a doctoral degree and master of fine arts degree from Louisiana State University; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Saloy's work has been published in numerous academic and literary
16 journals, including *Africology: The Journal of Pan African Studies*, *Callaloo*, *Southern*
17 *Journal of Linguistics*, *African American Review*, *Haight Ashbury Literary Journal*, and
18 many more; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to her personal work, she serves as a faculty member and
20 mentor at Dillard University in New Orleans; she successfully raised funds for an expansion
21 of the university's English and creative writing programs by securing major grants from the

1 Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the
2 Mellon Foundation, and more; and

3 WHEREAS, Mona Lisa Saloy is a truly inspiring individual who is most deserving
4 of the highest recognition for her incredible literary career and for her unrelenting dedication
5 to cultural preservation and sharing through poetry.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mona Lisa Saloy on being appointed
8 Louisiana Poet Laureate and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue to
9 promote poetry and uplift the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana through her
10 inspiring works.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mona
12 Lisa Saloy.

DIGEST

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