

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 200

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES