

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and recognizes Lavaille Lavette on the release of her new book "Jayylen's Juneteenth Surprise".

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and recognize Lavaille Lavette on the release of her new book "*Jayylen's*  
3 *Juneteenth Surprise*".

4 WHEREAS, New York Times best-selling author, editor, and publisher Lavaille  
5 Lavette's greatest joy is telling stories about people, places, things, and events that should  
6 not be forgotten; and

7 WHEREAS, her latest book, "*Jayylen's Juneteenth Surprise*" is a beautifully  
8 illustrated Little Golden Book about one young boy's first experience celebrating Juneteenth,  
9 a national holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people in the United  
10 States; and

11 WHEREAS, Lavaille Lavette infuses the culture and heritage of Louisiana in her  
12 writings and in her newest book Jayylen's grandfather explains the musical style zydeco and  
13 teaches Jayylen to play the frottoir; and

14 WHEREAS, the book's illustrations are simple but effective and include enjoyable  
15 details such as the Elijah McCoy poster that hangs on Jayylen's bedroom wall and the shrimp  
16 and grits that the family eats for dinner; and

17 WHEREAS, a resident and native of Opelousas, Louisiana, Ms. Lavette is a graduate  
18 of Opelousas Catholic School and Southern University; and

1           WHEREAS, Lavaille Lavette has bachelor degrees in mathematics and accounting,  
2 a Master's in Education Management, and has worked as an investment broker,  
3 schoolteacher, school district administrator, speech writer, and marketing executive; and

4           WHEREAS, an educational expert, Ms. Lavette served as the Special Advisor to the  
5 United States Secretary of Education, Dr. Rod Paige, from 2001 to 2005; and

6           WHEREAS, Ms. Lavette is a founding board member and the first president of the  
7 Houston-Luanda Africa Sister City Association, a Court Appointed Special Advocate  
8 (CASA) volunteer, a mentor with The Hay Center, a fundraiser for foster care programs,  
9 involved in a number of international charitable ventures, and has served on the board of  
10 directors of the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, Aspiring Youth  
11 Foundation, and Foxshire Foundation; and

12           WHEREAS, beyond her work in publishing, community engagement, nonprofit and  
13 the marketing spheres, Ms. Lavette is co-founder of Every Child An Author, a mission to  
14 make every child in America a published author, one grade level at a time; and

15           WHEREAS, combining a "do it all" philosophy with a multi-faceted background,  
16 Ms. Lavette advocates for disadvantaged youth in the United States and Africa.

17           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
18 does hereby commend and recognize Lavaille Lavette on the release of her new book  
19 "*Jayylen's Juneteenth Surprise*".

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
21 Lavaille Lavette.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Kathy Liberty.

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