

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Senator Sharon Hewitt for her years of distinguished public service.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Honorable Sharon Woodall Hewitt for her years of distinguished public  
3 service and to express enduring gratitude for her outstanding contributions made on  
4 behalf of the constituents of the parishes of Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and  
5 St. Tammany, and the state of Louisiana, particularly during her tenure as a  
6 distinguished member of the Louisiana Senate representing District 1.

7 WHEREAS, Sharon W. Hewitt is a public servant whose excellence as a state  
8 legislator has merited her election to two terms in the Louisiana Senate, during which time  
9 she used every opportunity to serve the citizens of her district and the state in an honorable  
10 and dedicated manner; and

11 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of South Louisiana, Senator Hewitt is a graduate of  
12 Barbe High School in Lake Charles, where she earned the honor of valedictorian, and of  
13 Louisiana State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical  
14 Engineering; and

15 WHEREAS, upon the completion of her formal education, Senator Hewitt embarked  
16 on a trailblazing career path as a woman in STEM, working offshore on a drilling rig in the  
17 Gulf of Mexico for Shell Oil; and

18 WHEREAS, undaunted by the challenges presented to her in the field, Senator

1 Hewitt climbed the ranks at Shell Oil, eventually becoming an executive whose bold,  
2 creative solutions to complex problems and relentless work ethic helped the company  
3 navigate the oil bust of the 1980s; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Hewitt continued to leave a legacy as one of the first female  
5 executives at a major oil and gas company, managing Shell's central deepwater assets in the  
6 Gulf of Mexico where she oversaw roughly ten percent of the oil production in the United  
7 States and was entrusted with oversight of billions of dollars in assets; and

8 WHEREAS, after many successful years at Shell, in 1999 Senator Hewitt made the  
9 personal sacrifice to put her family first and dedicated herself to spending more time with  
10 her children; and

11 WHEREAS, during the next several years as a full-time mom, Senator Hewitt  
12 became a fixture with the local Parent Teacher Association (PTA) where she was active in  
13 efforts to improve Slidell community schools and build parks and playgrounds for which she  
14 was bestowed the National PTA Life Achievement Award in recognition of her leadership;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Hewitt began her public service career with her appointment  
17 to the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District No. 16 Board from 2012 to 2015; and

18 WHEREAS, motivated by a desire to improve the state's education system and  
19 economy, Senator Hewitt launched a successful campaign to represent Senate District 1 in  
20 2015, and was re-elected without opposition four years later; and

21 WHEREAS, during her tenure as a member of the Senate, Senator Hewitt has served  
22 as Senate Chair of the Republican Legislative Delegation, chairwoman of the Senate  
23 Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, vice chairwoman of the Senate Committee  
24 on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and as a member of the Senate Committee  
25 on Environmental Quality, Senate Committee on Finance, Senate Committee on Natural  
26 Resources, Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, Legislative Budgetary Control  
27 Council, Joint Select Committee on Louisiana Economic Recovery, Senate Select  
28 Committee on Coastal Recreation and Flood Control, Senate Select Committee on Women  
29 and Children, and the Senate Executive Committee; and

30 WHEREAS, during her time in the legislature, Senator Hewitt has worked on many

1 important pieces of legislation, including overseeing the state's redistricting efforts, and  
2 legislation related to STEM education and job-creation, school choice, emergency  
3 operations, coastal restoration, and a broad range of issues affecting her district in Southeast  
4 Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Hewitt has been the deserving recipient of numerous honors  
6 and awards throughout the course of her public service career, including being named the  
7 National Legislator of the Year by the American Legislative Exchange Council in 2018 and  
8 leading the national Republican Legislative Campaign Committee in 2021; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Hewitt and her husband of 40 years Stan are longtime members  
10 of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Slidell; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Hewitt celebrates her distinguished career in public service with  
12 her sons Chris and Brad and granddaughter Emelia.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
14 hereby commends Senator Sharon Hewitt for her years of distinguished public service to the  
15 state of Louisiana and expresses enduring gratitude for her outstanding contributions made  
16 on behalf of the constituents of the parishes of Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St.  
17 Tammany, and the state of Louisiana, particularly during her tenure as a distinguished  
18 member of the Louisiana Senate representing District 1.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
20 hereby expresses enduring gratitude to Senator Hewitt for her service to the citizens of  
21 Louisiana as evidenced by her superlative achievements as a member of this distinguished  
22 body, and hereby extends to her the best wishes of all of her colleagues for continued  
23 prosperity and success in her future endeavors.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
25 Honorable Sharon W. Hewitt of Louisiana Senatorial District 1.

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

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