

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 184

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Records for posterity the time invested in giving farewell speeches in the Senate since 2016.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To record for posterity the time duration of farewell speeches given by Senators and Senate  
3 officers in the terms ending 2020 and 2024.

4 WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin famously said, "Dost thou love life? Then do not  
5 squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of"; and

6 WHEREAS, according to the Bard, William Shakespeare, "Time's glory is to calm  
7 contending kings/ To unmask falsehood, and bring truth to light"; and

8 WHEREAS, time can be saved and spent, budgeted and wasted, invested and killed;  
9 however, no person has the power to know his or her balance of time remaining or to acquire  
10 more of it; and

11 WHEREAS, humanity has always longed for the ability to extend or change time;  
12 however, we have neither Time-Turner nor TARDIS, no DeLorean with after-market parts,  
13 no Pym Particles for access to the quantum realm, not even a most excellent Circle K phone  
14 booth; all that is left for us to decide is what to do with the time that is given us; and

15 WHEREAS, in Psalms 90:12, the psalmist asks of God, "Teach us to number our  
16 days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom"; and

17 WHEREAS, as each legislative term ends, every Senator and officer who will not  
18 be returning is provided an opportunity to address the body and invited guests, to bid a

1 formal farewell to colleagues and staff and to recognize and thank close friends and family  
2 for the love and support that has buoyed that person throughout his or her legislative service.

3 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
4 hereby records for posterity that each Senator and Senate officer listed hereinbelow did  
5 invest the given measure of the finite time of his or her life to share wisdom gained in the  
6 Senator's or officer's tenure with the legislature and to express gratitude to those whose  
7 loyalty and industry helped sustain the Senator or officer throughout his or her public service  
8 with the legislature:

9 FOR THE 2016-2020 TERM

10	The Honorable Ed Murray	Espoused the view that silence is golden	
11	The Honorable Norby Chabert		42:27.57
12	The Honorable Dan Claitor		16:37.64
13	The Honorable Conrad Appel		16:10.44
14	The Honorable John L. "Jack" Donahue		18:47.31
15	The Honorable Jean-Paul "J.P." Morrell		17:10.53
16	The Honorable Neil Riser		18:39.38
17	The Honorable Dale Erdey		42:12.06
18	The Honorable Eric LaFleur		26:26.88
19	The Honorable Gerald Long, President Pro Tempore		23:56.31
20	The Honorable Dan "Blade" Morrish		30:56.45
21	The Honorable Michael A. Walsworth		24:14.84
22	The Honorable Daniel R. Martiny		41:14.07
23	The Honorable Yvonne Colomb		1:07:44.37
24	The Honorable John R. Smith		21:43.72
25	The Honorable Francis C. Thompson		<del>48:53.11</del>
26			<b><u>49:03.80</u></b>
27	Glenn Koepp, Secretary of the Senate		29:40.09
28	The Honorable John A. Alario Jr., President		34:08.01

1	FOR THE 2020-2024 TERM	
2	The Honorable Rick Ward	20:10.90
3	The Honorable Louie Bernard	13:13.10
4	Bonus time	+ 1:33.70
5	The Honorable Sharon Hewitt	29:58.49
6	The Honorable R.L. "Bret" Allain	32:52.12
7	The Honorable R. Barrow Peacock	30:14.85
8	The Honorable J. Rogers Pope	29:26.68
9	The Honorable Gary L. Smith Jr.	59:48.21
10	The Honorable Fred H. Mills Jr.	26:47.56
11	The Honorable Mack "Bodi" White	19:16.40
12	The Honorable Gregory Tarver	14:29.84
13	The Honorable Patrick Page Cortez, President	41:28.89
14	Bonus for introduction of Senator Fred Mills	+ 2:00.54.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
 16 hereby extends heartfelt gratitude to these former and outgoing Senators and officers for  
 17 investing their precious time in making Louisiana a better place for all of her sons and  
 18 daughters and for devoting a small measure of that time to sharing their final thoughts about  
 19 the conclusion of their public service with the legislature.

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

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