2023 Regular Session   **ENROLLED**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 184

BY SENATORS PEACOCK, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, CORTEZ, DUPLESSIS, FESI, FIELDS, HEWITT, JACKSON, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, STINE, WHITE AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, as each legislative term ends, every Senator and officer who will not be returning is provided an opportunity to address the body and invited guests, to bid a formal farewell to colleagues and staff and to recognize and thank close friends and family for the love and support that has buoyed that person throughout his or her legislative service.

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

FOR THE 2016-2020 TERM

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

FOR THE 2020-2024 TERM

The Honorable Rick Ward	20:10.90
The Honorable Louie Bernard	13:13.10
Bonus time	+ 1:33.70
Additional bonus time	0:47.43
The Honorable Sharon Hewitt	29:58.49
The Honorable R.L. "Bret" Allain	32:52.12
The Honorable R. Barrow Peacock	30:14.85
The Honorable J. Rogers Pope	29:26.68
The Honorable Gary L. Smith Jr.	59:48.21
The Honorable Fred H. Mills Jr.	26:47.56
The Honorable Mack "Bodi" White	19:16.40
The Honorable Gregory Tarver	14:29.84
The Honorable Patrick Page Cortez, President	41:28.89
Bonus for introduction of Senator Fred Mills	+ 2:00.54.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE