

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95

BY SENATORS DORSEY-COLOMB, BROOME AND PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Loretta Lynch on being the first African-American woman to be sworn in as Attorney General of the United States.

WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned that Loretta Lynch has been confirmed by the United States Senate, making her the first African-American woman and the second woman to be confirmed for the position; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Elizabeth Lynch was born on May 21, 1959, to Lorenzo and Lorine Lynch in Greensboro, North Carolina, and in 2007, married Stephen Hargrove; and

WHEREAS, Lynch attended Harvard College where she was a chartering member of the Xi Tau chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and American Literature in 1981, and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School in 1984; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Lynch first joined the U.S. Attorney General's office for the Eastern District of New York as an assistant U.S. Attorney prosecuting drug and violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, from 1994 to 1998, she served as the chief of the Long Island office and from 1998 to 1999, she was named chief assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York and headed the Brooklyn office; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Lynch was nominated by President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York from June 2, 1999, to May 2, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Lynch was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for a second term from May 8, 2010, to April 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, as U.S. Attorney, Lynch earned a reputation as a highly qualified, but low profile prosecutor who has a good relationship with law enforcement and a history of handling tough cases well; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2014, President Barack Obama nominated Lynch for the position of U.S. Attorney General to succeed Eric Holder, and she was confirmed by the United States Senate Judiciary Committee of February 26, 2015, and approved by the United States Senate on April 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Lynch serves as an example to all that hard work and persistence do indeed pay off; and

WHEREAS, the success of equal justice for all, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon people like United States Attorney General Loretta Lynch; and

WHEREAS, her extraordinary accomplishments and contributions to the nation are exemplary and commendable, and her work will continue to be recognized and appreciated for generations to come.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate United States Attorney General Loretta Lynch on being the first African-American woman to serve as United States Attorney General.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to United States Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE