

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATORS MARTINY, ALARIO, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Judge Frank A. Marullo Jr., Louisiana's longest serving jurist, who has stepped down from the bench after over forty-one years of meritorious service as an Orleans Parish District Criminal Court Judge for Section D.

WHEREAS, Marullo was born in New Orleans and graduated from Fortier High School before traveling to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to attend the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned a Bachelor of Science; and

WHEREAS, wanting to see the world beyond New Orleans and Hattiesburg, Marullo joined the Merchant Marines and traveled the world; and

WHEREAS, upon leaving the Merchant Marines, Frank Marullo returned to his native New Orleans and enrolled in law school at Loyola University where he received his Juris Doctor in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Marullo began his legal career in New Orleans, but soon took a different path as he was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1972; and

WHEREAS, during his brief time in the legislature, Frank Marullo served as a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, a member of the transition team to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention in 1973, and chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Penal Reform; and

WHEREAS, Marullo refocused on his legal career in 1974 as he ran, successfully, for the seat in section D of the Orleans Parish District Criminal Court, a position he held until his recent retirement; and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments, Judge Marullo served as chief judge of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court from 1995 to 1997, chairman of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Courts personnel committee, finance committee and legislative

committee, chairman of Governor David Treen's Commission on Merit Selection for Judges, chairman of the Committee to Consolidate Criminal, Civil and Juvenile Courts, president of the Louisiana District Judges Association, and president of the American Justinian Society of Jurists; and

WHEREAS, Judge Marullo also served as a member of the mayor's Council on Criminal Justice, the governor's Prison Overcrowding Policy Task Force, the Louisiana Sentencing Commission, and the transition teams of Governors Treen, Roemer, and Edwin Edwards; and

WHEREAS, Judge Marullo both established and contributed to the establishment of two homicide courts, the program for victim compensation in the courts, a judicial administration office and the introduction of computer technology in the Orleans Parish courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Marullo served as project director of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court Drug Court and sought grants for drug offender rehabilitation and for the administration of parish drug courts; and

WHEREAS, he is currently a member of the Fourth and Fifth Circuit District Judges Association, the Supreme Court Judicial Council, the National Association of Court Management, the Judicial Compensation Committee, the Louisiana Bar Association, and the American Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Judge Marullo was presented the Medal of the Order of Lawyers from the Court of Cassation, which is the highest court in France, and the Medal of Saint Louis King of France which was awarded by the president of the Court of Cassation, Simone Rozes; and

WHEREAS, Marullo's commitment to his larger community beyond his responsibilities as judge has been demonstrated in his serving as the chairman of the board of directors of Cabrini High School, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Italian American Marching Club, and president of the Newman Club; and

WHEREAS, despite his work as a judge and his many civic and judicial interests, Frank Marullo and his dedicated wife of over forty years, Jacquelyn, raised four children in their uptown neighborhood and enjoy the lively attention of their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Judge Frank Marullo has led a life of service to his community, the judicial system by striving to make it more efficient and more accessible, the criminal justice community by seeking compensation for victims of crime while remaining committed to requiring offenders to take responsibility for their actions, his church community, and most importantly, his family, leaving his children and grandchildren a legacy of commitment and service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Judge Frank A. Marullo Jr., Louisiana's longest serving jurist, who has retired from the bench after over forty-one years of meritorious service as an Orleans Parish District Criminal Court Judge for Section D.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Judge Frank A. Marullo Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE