

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY SENATOR BISHOP

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Bernardine Dupré upon the occasion of her retirement from the Louisiana Workforce Commission and to recognize her exemplary public service during her extraordinary forty-nine year career with the agency.

WHEREAS, Bernardine Dupré graduated from Xavier University in New Orleans with a bachelor of arts degree in history; and

WHEREAS, she started with Louisiana Department of Labor in August of 1967 working in testing, training, job placement and claims taking, eventually becoming regional manager over all placement and unemployment insurance activities for the New Orleans area; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dupré joined the Incumbent Worker Training Unit at the Workforce Commission in 2008, and her work in this unit has been instrumental in awarding training grants that have resulted in thousands of Louisiana workers upgrading their job skills; and

WHEREAS, she has announced her retirement on May first from the New Orleans Incumbent Worker Training Office; and

WHEREAS, she is a role model and friend to hundreds of co-workers, and is greatly admired for her grace under pressure and dedication to improving the lives of workers and jobseekers; and

WHEREAS, she was married for forty-eight years to Emilo Dupré (1945-2015), a founder and president of the Community Organization for Urban Politics (COUP), and former president of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation; and

WHEREAS, she looks forward to spending time in her retirement with her daughter Monica, and son-in-law Mohammed Witherspoon, and grandchildren, Monet and Montgomery Witherspoon; and

WHEREAS, she is a dedicated parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church, whose ministry to the homeless will be a focal point of her post employment activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Bernardine Dupré upon the occasion of her retirement from the Louisiana Workforce Commission and acknowledge with tremendous gratitude her outstanding contribution to the furtherance of employment and training in her community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend to her all the best wishes for success and happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bernardine Dupré.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE