

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 221

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

A RESOLUTION

To commend Kathryn Camille Denson, administrative secretary to Senate President John A.

Alario Jr., for her distinguished career and exemplary public service to the state of Louisiana and to congratulate her upon the occasion of her retirement from the Louisiana State Senate.

WHEREAS, at this time, the membership of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana wishes to commend Camille Denson for twenty-six years of exceptional service to this body; and

WHEREAS, with a total of over thirty-one years of state service, Camille embarked on her public service career with employment in the state departments of education, agriculture, and labor; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Camille began her duties with the Senate with assignments as secretary to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee working with chairmen, senators Gerry Hinton, Don Hines, and Tom Schedler, and later as secretary to the Senate Education Committee working with chairman, senator and Ben Nevers; and

WHEREAS, Camille served in the office of president of the Senate on two separate occasions, first during the administration of Senate President Donald E. "Don" Hines and lastly under Senate President John A. Alario Jr.; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Camille has always been loyal and dedicated, willing

to go the extra mile and to share her knowledge and expertise with others, and she has conducted herself in the most cordial, concise, and compassionate manner possible and presented a kind demeanor in every situation; and

WHEREAS, Camille has always focused on the task at hand; she is a planner who accounts for all the minute details and logistics of a committee meeting or other circumstance that demand her undivided attention; and

WHEREAS, while in the office of the senate president, Camille's many tasks included greeting visitors, assisting in meeting schedules, handling correspondence, and coordinating the events for Former Legislators Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS, Camille was born to parents Albert and Mignon Elias and attended LaSalle High School, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, and Northeast Louisiana State College; now known as the University of Louisiana-Monroe; and

WHEREAS, she was married to John E. Denson, an equestrian and horse trainer, for twenty years and together they reared two sons, Michael Todd and John Bradley, teaching them to ride as soon as they could sit on a saddle; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, John died suddenly from cardiac arrest; widowed, Camille became sole provider for her family in an instant; she supported her family and life was difficult at times, but she succeeded and provided for everyone; many sacrifices were made, but they all survived and thrived; and

WHEREAS, after three decades, July 15, 2017, is the date of her retirement from state government and Camille intends to enjoy each day of retirement to its fullest; and

WHEREAS, "Dolce far Niente" is an Italian expression which translates as "the sweetness of doing nothing", although Camille shall fill her leisure time with the pursuit of varied interests that include visits with her grandson, Lucas; and her granddaughters, Madison and MaKenzie; travel to far-off places and trips to the beach, and reading works of fiction, there shall also be "lazy" days that are delightfully quiet and serene; and

WHEREAS, in the days to follow, Camille shall fondly recall the memories of longtime friendships, past legislative sessions, numerous sine dies, the rarefied environment of state government, and the colorful cast of characters that have populated the state legislature over the years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kathryn Camille Denson upon her thirty-one years of extraordinary public service and congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement from the Louisiana State Senate on July 15, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend best wishes for success in all future endeavors to Camille Denson from those legislators, staff members, and friends, both past and present, who have shared a substantial portion of their lives with her at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Camille is hereby endowed with a special "Senate Retirement Blessing" that she live a long, happy, and carefree life from this day forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kathryn Camille Denson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE