

2018 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

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COMMENDATIONS. Commends Erika McConduit for her service as president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Louisiana.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Erika McConduit for her service as president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and the Legislature of Louisiana recognize and commend Erika McConduit on her numerous accomplishments and service through the Urban League of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, celebrating eighty years of service, the Urban League of Louisiana (ULLA) works to enable African-American communities and other communities seeking equity to secure economic self-reliance, parity, and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, programs of the ULLA's three centers of excellence are focused in the areas of education and youth development, workforce and economic development, and public policy and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the ULLA touches the lives of over ten thousand Louisianians each year through direct service programs in early childhood education, parent engagement, college and career readiness, workforce development, economic inclusion, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Louisiana announced that President and Chief Executive Officer Erika McConduit has resigned effective July 2018, to explore other career

1 opportunities; and

2 WHEREAS, over the past five years, Erika McConduit served as president and chief
3 executive officer of ULLA; and

4 WHEREAS, during her time, she had the privilege of serving under a dedicated
5 board of directors, and leading an incredible team of professionals, who all worked tirelessly
6 to breathe life into a mission of assisting African Americans and others seeking equity to
7 secure economic parity, power, and civil rights; and

8 WHEREAS, Erika McConduit has worked for the ULLA for nearly a decade, first
9 serving as vice president of programs and subsequently as executive vice president before
10 being named president and chief executive officer in 2013, only the second woman to serve
11 in this role in the eighty year history; and

12 WHEREAS, during her tenure as president and chief executive officer, Ms.
13 McConduit achieved incredible outcomes and growth, most notably, expanding the
14 organization from serving the Greater New Orleans area to becoming a statewide entity, with
15 a satellite office in Baton Rouge and space agreements in surrounding parishes in Louisiana;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, she also oversaw the purchase of a new twenty-six thousand square foot
18 headquarters building in mid-city New Orleans, which also provides office and meeting
19 space for small businesses, nonprofits, and the community at large; and

20 WHEREAS, under her leadership, the organization responded to crises all over the
21 state, including flood recovery, by providing over three and a half million dollars in clothing
22 and household goods to impacted families in the Greater Baton Rouge area, and hosted a
23 landmark conference to commemorate the ten-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, also
24 releasing a research publication examining the state of black New Orleans ten years
25 post-Katrina; and

26 WHEREAS, as the president and chief operating officer of the ULLA, Erika
27 McConduit dedicated herself to the mission of the organization, and whatever career path
28 she chooses she will no doubt continue her legacy of changing lives throughout Louisiana;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, her tenacious policy and advocacy efforts helped transform systems at

