

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Denise Boutte' on her many achievements as an actress and producer and extends appreciation and gratitude to her for serving as the keynote speaker at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Southwest Black Chamber of Commerce Trailblazer & Scholarship Gala.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Denise Boutte' on her many accomplishments as an actress and producer and  
3 extend appreciation and gratitude to her for serving as the keynote speaker at the  
4 19th Annual Greater Southwest Black Chamber of Commerce Trailblazer &  
5 Scholarship Gala.

6 WHEREAS, Denise Joseph Boutte' was born on January 19, 1982, in Maurice,  
7 Louisiana, to Betty and Nelson Joseph; and

8 WHEREAS, she was the valedictorian of her senior class at North Vermillion High  
9 School and crowned Homecoming Queen; and

10 WHEREAS, she majored in Microbiology, Pre-Med at Louisiana State University  
11 (LSU) but graduated with a degree in Mass Communications and a minor in Marketing; and

12 WHEREAS, upon graduating from LSU, Denise received employment offers from  
13 three advertising agencies in Dallas, Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, while living in Dallas, Denise had a successful career as an advertising  
15 agency account executive and as the manager of an agency before appearing on the other  
16 side of the camera in print and commercial campaigns; and

17 WHEREAS, the move to Hollywood was a leap of faith rewarded with recurring  
18 roles in TV shows that included *Boston Legal*, *Everybody Hates Chris*, *Days of Our Lives*,

1 and *Girlfriends*; and

2 WHEREAS, Denise is best known for her work as Sasha Brown in the nationally  
3 syndicated television series *Meet the Browns*; as Trina among the star studded cast of the  
4 Lionsgate blockbuster *Why Did I Get Married?*; as Ruth, in TV-One's highest trending  
5 premiere, *For the Love of Ruth*'; leading roles in *The Bounce Back*, *Couples' Night*, and the  
6 Independent Film Channel series *Stan Against Evil*; and an array of recurring roles including  
7 the critically acclaimed Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele creation, *Key and Peele*; and

8 WHEREAS, when she added co-producer to her credits in *In Full Bloom*, she was  
9 doing something that had come naturally since her ad agency days by utilizing her  
10 organizational skills, talking to the cast, and providing input on dialog, characters, locations,  
11 and camera angles; and

12 WHEREAS, Denise was a cast member of the made-for-television movie, *Media*,  
13 and the drama *Secrets*, which she also produced for the big screen; and

14 WHEREAS, her most vulnerable leading role to date is her portrayal of Tasha  
15 Jackson in *Her Only Choice*, and due to its phenomenal ratings and critical acclaim,  
16 including a 2019 Satellite Awards nomination for "Best Film Made for Television", the film  
17 had its international debut on NETFLIX; and

18 WHEREAS, Denise has performed voiceover work in countless commercials and as  
19 superheroes Raquel Ervin and Rocket in the DC Comics favorite, *Young Justice*; and

20 WHEREAS, she married her husband, Kevin Boutte', who is a native of New Iberia,  
21 Louisiana, in 2003 and they have one daughter, Jordan; and

22 WHEREAS, Denise and her husband have never forgotten their Louisiana roots,  
23 return frequently to visit family and friends, and love Mardi Gras; and

24 WHEREAS, Denise Boutte' merits a special measure of commendation and  
25 recognition for the depth of her artistic ability in motion pictures and television, and for the  
26 tremendous pride that she brings to her family, friends, the Maurice community, and the  
27 state of Louisiana.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
29 does hereby commend Denise Boutte' on her many accomplishments as an actress and  
30 producer, and her exceptional career thus far, recognize and record for posterity her vital

