

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 106

BY SENATOR CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Judge Edwin A. Lombard upon being inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Judge Edwin Lombard of Louisiana's Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, Louisiana, was born in New Orleans and graduated from Xavier University Preparatory School in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, he was one of the first African Americans admitted to Tulane University in New Orleans, where he was a Rockefeller Scholar and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, Edwin A. Lombard attended Southern University Law School in Baton Rouge and Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, where he was a Roosevelt Fellow and earned his Juris Doctor in 1970; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, after being admitted to the Louisiana State Bar, he was elected as clerk of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, becoming one of the youngest African-American elected officials in the parish; and

WHEREAS, also in 1973, Edwin A. Lombard was selected as the Chief Election Officer for Orleans Parish, becoming the first African American to hold this position in the South, serving until 2003; and

WHEREAS, in January 2004, Edwin Lombard was elected to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and continues to serve on the court; and

WHEREAS, he was awarded the George W. Crockett Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Bar Association in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Lombard has been active in elections throughout the world, including Indonesia, South Africa, and the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords to end the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina; and

WHEREAS, he founded the African-American Congress at Tulane, which has served the needs of African-American students at Tulane for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Lombard has devoted a lifetime of service championing principles that are so essential to the ideals of American democracy and serves as an inspiration to his fellow citizens for the vital contributions he has made in his career of highly effective public service and his unforgettable contributions to the state, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame was created in 1987 by the Louisiana State Legislature to highlight the careers of the state's leading politicians and political journalists; and

WHEREAS, Edwin A. Lombard was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame on February 23, 2019.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Edwin A. Lombard upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Edwin A. Lombard.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE