

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 200

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Dr. Charles Teamer, Sr., on a lifetime of accomplishments.

WHEREAS, the banker and civic leader was born on May 20, 1933, in Shelby, North Carolina, to B.T. and Mary Teamer; he earned his bachelor of science degree from Clark Atlanta University, master of arts degree from the University of Nebraska, and doctorate from Tulane University; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958, Charles worked in the office of the business manager at South Carolina State University and thus began an impressive career in postsecondary education, becoming assistant business manager at Tennessee State University in 1958 and business manager at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, four years later; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Dr. Teamer joined the Dillard University administration as vice president of finance and thereafter was promoted to chief financial officer; and

WHEREAS, utilizing his fiscal knowledge in a different sphere, in 1993, Dr. Teamer co-founded the Dryades Savings Bank and served as the bank's chairman; four years later, he retired from Dillard University; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Dr. Teamer led a partnership of investors in opening The Cotton Exchange and Holiday Inn Express Hotel in New Orleans, and in 2003, became president of the World Trade Center of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, former Governor David Treen appointed Dr. Teamer to the board of commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, affording him the distinct honor of being the first African American to serve on the board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Teamer served as the national president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., executive director of the Amistad Research Center, director of Entergy New Orleans, and a consultant to the U.S. Department of Education; he has held positions on many boards, including the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, Tulane University, Southern Education Foundation, the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church, the Ford Foundation, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Common Fund, and the Audubon Institute; he has served as chairman of the board of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, the Metropolitan Area Committee, Harrah's Casino in New Orleans, the Greater New Orleans Foundation, and the United Way; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Teamer has enjoyed and continues to enjoy a full life which has included many successes and experiences; it is fitting to recognize this fine businessman, civic leader, educator, and entrepreneur for his manifold accomplishments and many contributions to the lives of the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Charles Teamer, Sr., on a lifetime of accomplishments; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his dedication, service, and leadership in postsecondary education and banking and finance; and does hereby extend every wish of continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Charles Teamer, Sr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES