

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 192

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

A RESOLUTION

To commend Noble Edward Ellington II upon his exceptional career in public service spanning more than four decades, both as an elected representative of the people in the Louisiana State Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as an appointed office holder as the chief deputy insurance commissioner and legislative affairs director for Governor John Bel Edwards.

WHEREAS, Noble Ellington was born on May 25, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Noble Edward Ellington Sr. and was educated in Mangham, Louisiana, where he graduated from Mangham High School in 1960; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Noble Ellington earned his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Louisiana Tech University, in Ruston, Louisiana, in Lincoln Parish, and later that same year he married the woman who would become the mother of his two sons, Noble Ellington III and Ryan Fred Ellington; and

WHEREAS, Noble Ellington was a cotton merchant and operated Noble Ellington Cotton Company, Inc., an extremely successful enterprise; and

WHEREAS, in his early married years, Mr. Ellington ran his company, but he also was active in civic affairs in Northeast Louisiana, where he was involved with the Farm Bureau, the Northeast Louisiana Agriculture and Business Council, and the Chamber of Commerce; he also served as the director of the Winnsboro Economic Development Corporation, served on the board of directors of the bank and the hospital in this rural corner of Louisiana, became the national director of the Jaycees, and served on the board of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home Orphanage in Ruston; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Noble E. Ellington III was born to the couple, followed three

years later by son, Ryan, completing the next generation of Ellingtons; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 Noble Ellington II ran his first race for political office, seeking Louisiana House of Representatives seat for District 20, serving the first of what would be two consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, Noble Ellington became involved with the American Legislative Executive Council (ALEC) and served as national chairman, chairman of the Southern Legislative Conference Rural Development Steering Committee, was an active member of the Legislative Rural Caucus, along with many other organization memberships and in 1991, he was reelected to the House of Representatives, continuing to represent District 20; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Representative Ellington successfully ran to replace Senator Steve Thompson, who decided not to run at the end of the term, and he became the senator representing Senate District 32, where he served until term-limited in 2008; and

WHEREAS, while in the legislature, Senator Ellington was tireless in representing the people and interests of Northeast Louisiana and he served on numerous influential committees and as chairman of several Senate committees, including Labor and Industrial Relations, Judiciary A, Judiciary B, and Transportation, Highways and Public Works; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the House, Noble Ellington was chairman of the Legislative Audit Advisory Council and held additional committee assignments, serving on Insurance, Appropriations, Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, and the Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, as a senator and a representative, Noble Ellington received many awards from various civic and governmental groups and he was twice named *Legislator of the Year* by the Rural Hospital Coalition and honored with *Outstanding Legislator* awards by the Louisiana Association of Educators and Jobs for America's Graduates; and

WHEREAS, Noble Ellington was the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police *Senator of the Year*, as well as numerous other accolades; and

WHEREAS, when Senator Ellington was no longer eligible to run for reelection in the Senate in 2008, because of term limits, he ran for his old House of Representatives seat, representing District 20 and he was elected to represent those constituents until January 9, 2012, at which time his illustrious legislative career came to a close; and

WHEREAS, in that final term, Noble Ellington changed his political party affiliation to Republican and on December 17, 2010, he made the switch official, which gave the Republican party its first majority in the Louisiana House of Representatives since the Reconstruction era, a momentous milestone in Louisiana politics; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Noble Ellington's legislative experience and expertise led him to be called upon by newly elected governor, John Bel Edwards, to serve as director of legislative affairs for the new administration and his pleasant demeanor and his propensity to have a good word for all he encounters continue to inhabit the halls of power at the state capitol with a comforting continuity that harkens back to a time when women and men who served in the legislature saw themselves as the servants of the people, always seeking what is best for the citizens of this great state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Noble Edward Ellington II upon his exceptional career in public service spanning more than four decades, both as an elected representative of the people in the Louisiana State Senate and the House of Representatives and as an appointed office holder as the chief deputy insurance commissioner and as legislative affairs director for Governor John Bel Edwards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Senator Noble Edward Ellington II.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE