

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 274

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office for earning three of the top awards from the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society and for its professionalism, innovation, and dedication to the betterment of the state.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office for earning three of the top awards  
3 from the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society (NLPES) for its body of  
4 work over the past four years and for its professionalism, innovation, and dedication  
5 to the betterment of the state.

6 WHEREAS, the NLPES is associated with the National Conference of State  
7 Legislatures (NCSL) and the purpose of NLPES is to advance the professions of legislative  
8 program evaluation and performance auditing and to provide members with relevant  
9 training, opportunities for exchanging ideas and information, and recognition of superior  
10 performances; and

11 WHEREAS, the Legislative Auditor's Office received the Excellence in Evaluation  
12 Award, which is presented to only one legislative audit office nationwide that has made  
13 significant contributions to legislative program evaluation or performance auditing over a  
14 four-year period; and

15 WHEREAS, between January 2015 and December 2018, the Legislative Auditor's  
16 Performance Audit Services produced 81 audits, covering numerous government programs  
17 and topics including state water systems, child care regulation, secure care juvenile justice  
18 facilities, statewide sexual harassment policies, management of state lands, tax credits, state

1 bond practices, and multiple areas within the Medicaid program; these reports in total  
2 contained 350 recommendations to various agencies and 42 matters for legislative  
3 consideration; and

4 WHEREAS, the Legislative Auditor's Office also received the Excellence in  
5 Research Methods Award, which is given to the legislative audit office or offices using  
6 exemplary research methods in an evaluation or audit report; and

7 WHEREAS, the Legislative Auditor's Performance Audit Services was recognized  
8 for the innovative methodology developed to evaluate the Louisiana State Bond  
9 Commission's oversight of local government bond issuance costs; and

10 WHEREAS, the Legislative Auditor's Office also was awarded an NLPES Certificate  
11 of Impact, which is presented to the legislative audit office or offices producing an  
12 evaluation or audit report that results in documented public policy changes, program  
13 improvements, dollar savings, or other public impacts; and

14 WHEREAS, the Legislative Auditor's Performance Audit Services received the  
15 Certificate of Impact for its March 2017 report, "Louisiana Public Service Commission -  
16 Water Rates in Louisiana"; the purpose of the audit was to evaluate whether the rates  
17 charged by governmental water systems were high enough to cover their expenses and  
18 whether the Louisiana Public Service Commission approved water rates for private water  
19 systems in a timely manner.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
21 does hereby commend the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office for its professionalism,  
22 innovation, and dedication to the betterment of the state and for the national recognition it  
23 has received for its work.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
25 Daryl G. Purpera, Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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