

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Phyllis Coleman Mouton, recipient of the United Way of Acadiana's Trailblazer Award.

WHEREAS, Phyllis Coleman Mouton is among nine women who were recognized during a virtual ceremony on the United Way of Acadiana's Facebook page at 6:30 p.m. on December 9, 2020, during which she received the Trailblazer Award; and

WHEREAS, she was born and raised in Lafayette, Louisiana, attended elementary school at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School, and graduated from Paul Breaux High School; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a degree in computer science and management, she became the first African American employed as a computer analyst for Martin Marietta Aerospace in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Phyllis Coleman Mouton and her husband opened Circle M Supply Company Inc., an oilfield drilling supply firm; and

WHEREAS, she later graduated from the Louisiana State University Executive MBA Program and completed all requirements at Southern University Graduate School in public policy; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Coleman Mouton was the first African American woman to be named president of the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, the fourth-largest club in the world with over five hundred members, and the first African American to be named interim CEO of the Capital Area United Way; and

WHEREAS, she has served in leadership for several boards and commissions and is a member of Women United, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, Emeritus Board member of Southern Mutual Help Association, Moncus Park and PASA, and is founder and president of Women of Wisdom; and

WHEREAS, at the age of thirty-five, she was the first African American and first woman to be named president of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and two years later became the first African-American woman to serve as secretary of the Louisiana Department of Labor from 1988 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Coleman Mouton served as the vice president of workforce and economic development at Baton Rouge Community College from 1997 until her retirement in 2017 when she was named Distinguished Retiree; and

WHEREAS, she is married to Lyle Mouton Sr., and they have three children: Lyle Jr., Lynn, and Leah; and seven grandchildren: Alexis, Kayla, Cameron, Keegan, Cole, Khloe, and Kaden; and

WHEREAS, her favorite motto is: "Never forget where you have come from, but never allow where you have come from to keep you from where you are going."; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Phyllis Coleman Mouton for her public and community service, dedication to excellence, and outstanding accomplishments, and upon being selected to receive the Trailblazer Award during the United Way of Acadiana's Women Who Mean Business awards program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Phyllis Coleman Mouton upon being selected to receive the Trailblazer Award from the United Way of Acadiana and her achievements and contributions to her community and state and the honor and pride that she brings to her family and friends, the city of Lafayette, the Acadiana region, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Phyllis Coleman Mouton.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE