

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY SENATOR FOIL

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To commend Judy Ewell Day for her dedication and service to the state of Louisiana and more specifically to the women, children, and families of our state and to congratulate her upon her well deserved retirement as a Louisiana lobbyist.

WHEREAS, Judy Ewell Day, recently retired from a lifetime dedicated to an admirable and laudable vocation of service through government and legislative affairs, improvements in health care and hospitals, and her advocacy for women, children, and families across Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, very well-known as the consummate volunteer, a woman's rights activist, and an extraordinary leader in humanitarian efforts across the South and in Washington, D.C., Ms. Day has carved the path for women through her exceptional and unforgettable trailblazing; and

WHEREAS, she has provided over three decades of governmental services for the well-being and improved lives of Louisianans especially women and children; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mississippi and graduate of Mississippi College, Ms. Day moved to Baton Rouge in 1973 to attend graduate school at Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Day was a member of the executive staff of Governor Dave Treen, and then lent her talents as a successful fundraiser for statewide and national political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-five years she was the governmental representative on behalf of Woman's Hospital, the state's largest provider of birthing services; during that time, Ms. Day was the face of Woman's Hospital, and became synonymous with women and children's health at the State Capitol; her unwavering efforts and steadfast crusade on behalf of women and infants have provided an impactful and transformative change in health care not only

in Baton Rouge but across the state; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Day's outstanding governmental consultation, invaluable and excellent legislative aptitude, and effective and efficient leadership have served many inside the State Capitol as well as across the health care industry; and

WHEREAS, she shared her charismatic, ethical, respectable, and bipartisan expertise and talent with many as a mentor primarily to young female students, interns, and women, leading by example; Ms. Day has also been a staunch advocate and at the forefront in the promotion and elevation of women executives and candidates for office; and

WHEREAS, she has worked tirelessly on behalf of a plethora of organizations to make her community and state a better place to work, play, and live; Ms. Day has chaired or served as a board member of numerous nonprofits including The Hospice of Baton Rouge, Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families, Capital Area Human Service District, Family Services of Greater Baton Rouge, Steps to Success, Family Road of Baton Rouge, Louisiana Council on Child Abuse, and the Council for Economic Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Day was a steadfast, faithful, and devoted champion in the fight to end child abuse, family violence, and violence against women; she remained persistent and unrelenting in bringing awareness to mental health, promoting international students and perpetually raising funds for the homeless, battered women, sexual abuse, children, and the impoverished; and

WHEREAS, it was through her untiring efforts, design, and relentless advocacy that Ms. Day was the architect of many laws in Louisiana such as those to require insurance coverage of breast cancer reconstruction and preventing insurers from using genetic information to deny coverage; she devoted her career to making a difference through improving the health and welfare of every woman and every child in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, she has been the recipient of prestigious awards for her service from the Council on Child Abuse, the Foundation Against Sexual Assault, the Children's Trust Fund and School Based Health Centers; Ms. Day was selected in 1997 for CABL's Leadership Louisiana Program, named by the YMCA as "Woman of Achievement for Public Service", and was inducted into the Louisiana Center for Women in Government Hall of Fame in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the next chapter in Ms. Day's remarkable life will be filled with her dazzling array of friends and beloved family especially her son, Adam, and her granddaughter, Mikayla, along with her nieces, Amanda and Ava; she plans to continue her legacy of community service, volunteering, and social activism between her celebrations and travels.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express gratitude to Judy Ewell Day for her lifetime of service and many achievements and does congratulate her upon her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Judy Ewell Day.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES