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2022 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY SENATOR FIELDS

COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes Jeanne C. Johnston for her years of dedicated service to the Louisiana Legislature and the state of Louisiana.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Jeanne C. Johnston for her years of dedicated service to the Louisiana
3	Legislature and the state of Louisiana and to congratulate her upon her retirement.
4	WHEREAS, Jeanne Claire Johnston was born on June 12, 1956, in Baton Rouge,
5	Louisiana, and raised in nearby Denham Springs, Louisiana, along with her siblings Kathryn,
6	Robert, Jimmy, and Lynn by their parents Earl and Margaret Johnston; and
7	WHEREAS, Jeanne C. Johnston developed a lifelong love of learning and language
8	at an early age through reading voraciously; and
9	WHEREAS, after graduation from high school Jeanne C. Johnston continued her
10	pursuit of knowledge at Louisiana State University, where she earned both bachelor's and
11	master's degrees; and
12	WHEREAS, upon completion of her formal education, Jeanne C. Johnston answered
13	a newspaper advertisement and began her career at the Louisiana Legislature as a member
14	of central staff with the House of Representatives in 1982; and
15	WHEREAS, during her time with the House of Representatives Jeanne C. Johnston
16	honed her craft and began to establish herself as a master researcher and drafter of
17	legislation; and
18	WHEREAS, in 1984 Jeanne C. Johnston crossed Memorial Hall and began her tenure

1	with the Louisiana Senate, initially staffing the Committee on Commerce before establishing
2	herself as the authority on policy with the Committee on Education; and
3	WHEREAS, Jeanne C. Johnston proudly served in this role until the birth of her son,
4	Matthew, in 1989; and
5	WHEREAS, after a hiatus to focus on motherhood, Jeanne C. Johnston came back
6	to state service in 2000 with the Department of Education, where she served as a special
7	assistant to former superintendent Cecil J. Picard and as the department's legislative liaison;
8	and
9	WHEREAS, Jeanne C. Johnston reunited with her "Senate family" by returning to
10	her cherished role as the primary staff professional for the Senate Committee on Education
11	in 2007; and
12	WHEREAS, she continued to faithfully and dutifully serve the members and her
13	fellow employees of the Senate as an invaluable resource and trusted advisor until her
14	well-deserved retirement in 2022; and
15	WHEREAS, Jeanne C. Johnston's fundamental belief in and commitment to the value
16	created by a strong and equitable public education system guided her throughout her
17	illustrious career in public service; and
18	WHEREAS, her indomitable work ethic and generous spirit were unmatched during
19	her decades in service to the state of Louisiana, as she embodied dedication through both her
20	actions and well-crafted words; and
21	WHEREAS, Jeanne C. Johnston's tenacity, grace, and deft touch worked in unison
22	to leave a legacy indelibly etched on the institution she so dearly loved and respected and
23	the people within it who loved and respected her in equal measure.
24	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25	commend Jeanne C. Johnston for her distinguished career in service to the state of Louisiana,
26	extend its sincere appreciation for her efforts and contributions to the legislature and its staff,
27	and offer heartfelt wishes for a long and joyful retirement.
28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
29	Jeanne C. Johnston.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

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