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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Marlene D. Ferrara for her years of dedicated, outstanding service to the Louisiana Senate.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Marlene D. Ferrara for her dedicated, outstanding service to the Louisiana
3	Senate during each legislative session since 1970.
4	WHEREAS, a native of Cottonport, Louisiana, Marlene Ducote Ferrara was married
5	to Nick Ferrara for forty-seven years until his passing in 2013, and together they are the
6	proud parents of son Patrick and daughter Katie; and
7	WHEREAS, Marlene was initially employed with the State Civil Service
8	Commission from 1960 until 1964 when she gained a position in the office of Lt. Governor
9	C. C. "Taddy" Aycock engaged in general secretarial and bookkeeping responsibilities for
10	that office until 1968; and
11	WHEREAS, in 1970, with implementation of a computer system in the Senate and
12	at the request of longtime Senate Secretary Charles W. "Bill" Roberts, Marlene took a
13	position on the "front desk" responsible for data input into the computer system during each
14	legislative session; and
15	WHEREAS, working with the Secretary's office gave Marlene an opportunity to
16	work alongside her beloved sister Beryl Robert for many years; and
17	WHEREAS, after the retirement of Secretary Roberts in 1978, Marlene continued
18	working the "front desk" as a session employee for subsequent secretaries of the Senate:

Michael S. Baer III; Glenn A. Koepp; and Yolanda J. Dixon; and
WHEREAS, as she started her job at the Senate, Marlene says, "The only thing I
knew about computers was how to spell it and here I am fifty-three years later enjoying
every minute of my job"; and
WHEREAS, based on Marlene's data input, the daily journal reflects the actions of
the Senate during each legislative day; and
WHEREAS, Marlene enjoys spending time with her family and children, Patrick and
Katie; grandchildren Nicholas, Samantha, Andrew, and Mason; and sisters Martha Lachney
and Glenda Ducote; and
WHEREAS, Marlene's contributions and activities on the "front desk" during each
legislative session will be greatly missed.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
commends Marlene D. Ferrara for fifty-three years of dedicated, outstanding service to the
Senate and the legislative process as a session employee and further expresses enduring
gratitude for her contributions to the Senate.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that best wishes are hereby extended to Marlene and
her family for continued prosperity and success in all future activities.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
Marlene D. Ferrara.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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