

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY SENATORS CORTEZ, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, FESI, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JACKSON, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, STINE, TALBOT, TARVER, WHITE AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To commend Marlene D. Ferrara for her dedicated, outstanding service to the Louisiana Senate during each legislative session since 1970.

WHEREAS, a native of Cottonport, Louisiana, Marlene Ducote Ferrara was married to Nick Ferrara for forty-seven years until his passing in 2013, and together they are the proud parents of son Patrick and daughter Katie; and

WHEREAS, Marlene was initially employed with the State Civil Service Commission from 1960 until 1964 when she gained a position in the office of Lt. Governor C. C. "Taddy" Aycock engaged in general secretarial and bookkeeping responsibilities for that office until 1968; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, with implementation of a computer system in the Senate and at the request of longtime Senate Secretary Charles W. "Bill" Roberts, Marlene took a position on the "front desk" responsible for data input into the computer system during each legislative session; and

WHEREAS, working with the Secretary's office gave Marlene an opportunity to work alongside her beloved sister Beryl Robert for many years; and

WHEREAS, after the retirement of Secretary Roberts in 1978, Marlene continued 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.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE