

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Dr. Raquel Peat on her recent promotion to Rear Admiral and Assistant Surgeon General in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Dr. Raquel Peat on her recent promotion to Rear Admiral and  
3 Assistant Surgeon General in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

4 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral (RDML) Raquel Peat, PhD, MPH, is a distinguished  
5 microbiologist and an officer in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS), with over  
6 twenty-five years of experience as a technical and regulatory expert, manager, and leader in  
7 various areas, including drugs, medical devices, and tobacco products; and

8 WHEREAS, RDML Peat currently serves at the Food and Drug Administration  
9 (FDA) as the Director for the Office of Health Technology 6: Office of Orthopedic Devices  
10 in the Office of Product Evaluation and Quality, Center for Devices and Radiological Health  
11 (CDRH), where she is responsible for regulating orthopedic devices for premarket and  
12 postmarket activities in a Total Product Life Cycle organization; and

13 WHEREAS, prior to her current position, RDML Peat served as the Director for the  
14 Division of Premarket and Labeling Compliance in the Office of Compliance, CDRH, where  
15 she enforced premarket and postmarket requirements, as well as promotion, advertising, and  
16 labeling requirements for medical devices; and

17 WHEREAS, RDML Peat has held multiple scientific, regulatory, and leadership  
18 positions in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research and the Center for Tobacco

1 Products, demonstrating her broad expertise and commitment to public health; and

2 WHEREAS, RDML Peat has participated in multiple emergency response  
3 deployments, including hurricanes Irma, Maria, Sandy, Gustav, Katrina, and Rita; the  
4 Washington, DC lead screening; and the TOPOFF I and III exercises, showcasing her  
5 dedication to public service and disaster response; and

6 WHEREAS, RDML Peat holds a Doctor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Science from  
7 the University of Maryland, a Master of Science from Johns Hopkins University, and a  
8 Master of Public Health from George Washington University, reflecting her strong academic  
9 background and commitment to continuous learning; and

10 WHEREAS, RDML Raquel Peat is a member of the Sigma Psi Zeta Chapter of Zeta  
11 Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and she has achieved historic milestones as the first female Flag  
12 Officer in the Health Service category, the first Jamaican-American Flag Officer for the  
13 USPHS, and the first member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority to hold the rank of a Flag Officer  
14 in this service; and

15 WHEREAS, RDML Peat's exemplary service, pioneering achievements, and  
16 dedication to public health and regulatory excellence serve as an inspiration and a testament  
17 to her commitment to advancing the health and well-being of the nation.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
19 does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Raquel Peat on her recent promotion to Rear  
20 Admiral and Assistant Surgeon General in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned  
21 Corps.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Rear  
23 Admiral Raquel Peat.

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

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DIGEST

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