

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, RDML Peat has held multiple scientific, regulatory, and leadership positions in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research and the Center for Tobacco Products, demonstrating her broad expertise and commitment to public health; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE