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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 156

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Louisiana Supreme Court Justice John Michael Guidry on receiving the 2025 David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Louisiana Supreme Court Justice John Michael Guidry on receiving the 2025
3	David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award.
4	WHEREAS, Louisiana Supreme Court Justice John Michael Guidry was honored
5	with the 2025 David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award at the Louisiana State Bar
6	Association's 40th annual Pro Bono Publico & Children's Law Awards Ceremony; and
7	WHEREAS, the David A. Hamilton Award is the most prestigious pro bono award
8	presented by the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA); and
9	WHEREAS, it is awarded annually to an individual who has demonstrated a strong
10	commitment to ongoing pro bono activities and has previously received recognition from
11	the LSBA or other statewide pro bono organizations; and
12	WHEREAS, recipients of this award have made significant contributions to the pro
13	bono movement in Louisiana throughout their lives, participated in collaborative efforts
14	within the state justice community, and exhibited notable leadership and service benefitting
15	the poor and disenfranchised; and
16	WHEREAS, the pro bono ceremony celebrates outstanding individuals and
17	organizations that have devoted their time and talents to ensuring access to justice for
18	Louisiana citizens, regardless of their financial circumstances; and

1	WHEREAS, Justice John Michael Guidry has served the Louisiana judiciary for
2	twenty-seven years; and
3	WHEREAS, Justice Guidry earned his bachelor's degree from Louisiana State
4	University in 1983 and graduated cum laude with his Juris Doctor from the Southern
5	University Law Center in 1987; and
6	WHEREAS, before becoming a judge, Justice Guidry worked as a legislative
7	assistant and assistant parish attorney, and held various commission roles, including on the
8	Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission; and
9	WHEREAS, Justice Guidry was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives
10	in 1991 and then to the Louisiana State Senate in 1993, and after a decade in private practice,
11	he was elected as a judge of the First Circuit Court of Appeal in 1997; and
12	WHEREAS, in 2023, he became the 15th Chief Judge and the first African American
13	chief judge in the court's history; and
14	WHEREAS, On January 1, 2025, he was elected Associate Justice of the Louisiana
15	Supreme Court, becoming only the fourth African American to serve on the court and the
16	first elected from outside Orleans Parish.
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18	does hereby commend Louisiana Supreme Court Justice John Michael Guidry on receiving
19	the 2025 David A. Hamilon Lifetime Achievement Award.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
21	Louisiana Supreme Court Justice John Michael Guidry.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

**DIGEST** 

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