

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Judge Alvin Batiste Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Eighteenth Judicial District Court and to recognize his distinguished service to the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Judge Alvin Batiste Jr. is retiring after twenty-three years of distinguished service as the presiding judge of Division "C" of the Eighteenth Judicial District Court, serving the citizens of three parishes, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge with integrity, fairness, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Judge Batiste has been on the bench since January 2003, is currently serving as Chief Judge, and has presided over the Iberville Parish Drug Court for fifteen years, demonstrating a deep commitment to justice, accountability, and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, a proud product of the Southern University School System, Judge Batiste graduated from Southern Lab with honors in 1973, earned his Bachelor of Science in Economics from Southern University and A&M College in 1976, and his Juris Doctor from the Southern University Law Center in 1981 and was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar that same year; and

WHEREAS, Judge Batiste was later inducted into the Southern University Law Center's Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the legal profession, Southern University Law Center, and his community; and

WHEREAS, his professional career reflects a lifetime of public service, including honorable service as an officer and lawyer in the United States Navy Judge Advocate General Corps, as assistant public defender in East Baton Rouge Parish, assistant attorney general handling cases for the Department of Environmental Quality, and the first chief administrative officer for Iberville Parish; and

WHEREAS, Judge Batiste has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to civic engagement and youth mentorship through initiatives such as Judges in the Classroom in Iberville Parish, inspiring students and strengthening public trust in the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, Judge Batiste is married to Barbara Thomas Batiste and they are the proud parents of nine children, whereby his devotion to family further exemplifies the highest ideals of leadership and enriched values.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Judge Alvin Batiste Jr. on the occasion of his retirement as judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District Court; and records and recognizes his exemplary service to the state of Louisiana; extends to him sincere appreciation for his long, dedicated, and distinguished service; and expresses sincere wishes for health and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Judge Alvin Batiste Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE