

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR GALLOT AND REPRESENTATIVES COX, JEFFERSON AND
PATRICK WILLIAMS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Charles M. Blow, Grambling State University graduate and columnist for The New York Times.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Charles M. Blow, Grambling State University graduate and columnist for *The New York Times*.

WHEREAS, Charles M. Blow is *The New York Times*' first visual op-ed columnist and has a reputation for communicating effectively with candor, clarity, and a strong point of view in a variety of ways, including using graphical design, text and words; and

WHEREAS, he is a native of Gibsland, Louisiana, and, in 1991, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in mass communications from Grambling State University; and

WHEREAS, as a student at Grambling, Charles M. Blow was the editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, *The Gramblinite*, and the founder of a now-defunct student magazine, *Razz*; and

WHEREAS, he was initiated into the Gamma Psi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and served as Polemarch; and

WHEREAS, Charles M. Blow joined *The New York Times* in 1994 as a graphics editor and was later promoted to lead the entire graphics team as graphics director, a position he held for nine years; and

WHEREAS, he led the newspaper's graphics team to a best of show award from the

1 Society of News Design for graphics produced during the coverage of the attacks on
2 September 11, 2001; and

3 WHEREAS, in addition, as graphics editor, Charles M. Blow led the group to a best
4 of show award from the Malofiej International Infographics Summit for coverage of the Iraq
5 war; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2008, he started a weekly column at the newspaper that features
7 charts and a guileless edge; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2011, Charles M. Blow was ranked #11 on *The Root* Top 100 list of
9 most influential people, beating Kanye West, who followed at #12, and Beyonce' Knowles,
10 who ranked #13; and

11 WHEREAS, he frequently appears on CNN and MSNBC and currently resides in
12 Brooklyn, New York; and

13 WHEREAS, on May 10, 2013, Charles M. Blow will deliver the commencement
14 address at Grambling State University.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 commend Charles M. Blow, Grambling State University graduate and columnist for *The*
17 *New York Times*.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
19 Charles M. Blow.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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