

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 179

BY SENATOR BROOME

COMMENDATIONS. Welcomes Kilolo Kijakazi to Louisiana and expresses appreciation for her efforts in support of the LABEST Initiative and the BESOL Initiative.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To welcome Kilolo Kijakazi to the state of Louisiana and express appreciation for her
3 efforts, in conjunction with the Ford Foundation, in support of the Louisianans
4 Building Economic Stability Together (LABEST) Initiative and Ford's Building
5 Economic Security Over a Lifetime (BESOL) Initiative.

6 WHEREAS, Louisianians Building Economic Stability Together (LABEST) is a
7 project of Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation (UREC); and

8 WHEREAS, the primary role of UREC is to provide leadership and guidance in the
9 expansion and formation of a statewide coalition aligned with Southern Regional Asset
10 Building Coalition (SRABC) and the Building Economic Security over Lifetime (BESOL)
11 Initiative funded and supported by the Ford Foundation; and

12 WHEREAS, the collaboration is comprised of grassroots, nonprofit and advocacy
13 organizations, policy makers, community leaders, and Historically Black Colleges and
14 Universities (HBCs); and

15 WHEREAS, the unified strategy for LABEST is a grassroots teaching approach to
16 build a base of cross sector leaders committed to working with regional partners throughout
17 the state to help set conditions that will address policies that impact superior growth and
18 prosperity in our state; and

1 WHEREAS, Kilolo Kijakazi's work focuses on building economic security for
2 working families; and

3 WHEREAS, her grant-making promotes public support for the creation of universal,
4 progressive savings accounts from birth through retirement, and Social Security reform that
5 improves benefits for low-wage workers and this approach incorporates the expertise of
6 people of color into all aspects of the work, including research, policy, and practice; and

7 WHEREAS, before joining the Ford Foundation in 2003, Kilolo was a senior policy
8 analyst for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, where she specialized in Social
9 Security and wrote and presented research and policy papers, testified before Congress, and
10 served as a panelist at the White House Conference on Social Security during the Clinton
11 administration, as some of her papers were published by the National Academy of Social
12 Insurance and the Gerontological Society; and

13 WHEREAS, she previously worked as a program analyst for the United States
14 Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service where she designed and monitored
15 evaluations of the Food Stamp Program and demonstrations of noncustodial parent
16 programs; and

17 WHEREAS, she also worked at the National Urban League's Washington operations
18 office as a policy analyst and addressed issues such as welfare reform, employment and
19 education; and

20 WHEREAS, Kilolo received a PhD in public policy from George Washington
21 University and her dissertation was published as the book "African-American Economic
22 Development and Small Business Ownership" (Garland, 1997), holds an MSW with a
23 specialty in community development from Howard University, and earned a BA from
24 Binghamton University.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
26 welcomes Kilolo Kijakazi to the state of Louisiana and expresses appreciation for her efforts,
27 in conjunction with the Ford Foundation, in support of the LABEST Initiative and Ford's
28 BESOL Initiative.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
30 Kilolo Kijakazi.

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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