

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 181

BY SENATOR BROOME

COMMENDATIONS. Welcomes Gena Gunn McClendon to Louisiana and expresses appreciation for her efforts in support of the LABEST Initiative and the BESOL Initiative.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To welcome Gena Gunn McClendon to the state of Louisiana and express appreciation for
3 her 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, Louisianans 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 (HBCUs); 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, Gena Gunn McClendon is a Project Director and Director of Asset
2 Building in States and Coalitions at CSD who earned a BS from the Southern Illinois
3 University in Carbondale and an MM from Fontbonne University in St. Louis, Missouri; and

4 WHEREAS, her work with the Center primarily involves policy research analysis
5 and consultation with community-based asset-building programs, state and federal
6 policymakers, and advocate groups; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Gunn McClendon's program development and policy advocacy
8 work focus on asset building, asset policy coalition development, and workforce
9 development assistance for low- and moderate-income households and marginalized
10 populations; and

11 WHEREAS, her research focuses on identifying and advancing asset-building policy
12 strategies for state and regional coalitions; and

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14 welcomes Gena Gunn McClendon to the state of Louisiana and expresses appreciation for
15 her efforts, in conjunction with the Ford Foundation, in support of the LABEST Initiative
16 and Ford's BESOL Initiative.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Gena
18 Gunn McClendon.

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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