

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 198

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Linda Muffoletto for her dedicated public service to the Louisiana Senate and extends congratulations upon her retirement.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Linda Willey Muffoletto for her exemplary public service to the Legislature
3 of Louisiana, in particular, the Louisiana Senate where she served so faithfully for
4 over four decades, and to extend to her a hardy congratulations upon a richly
5 deserved retirement.

6 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Senate recognizes and honors Linda
7 Muffoletto as one of its finest and longest serving employees; and

8 WHEREAS, during her tenure as Senate Calendar Clerk, Linda performed her
9 clerical duties and orchestrated desk operations with seamless proficiency, always exhibiting
10 excellent organizational skills and attention to detail; and

11 WHEREAS, hired in 1974 by Senate Secretary C. W. Roberts, Linda began her
12 employment by training alongside Barbara Howard; it was a time of "pencil and paper"
13 recordkeeping, long before the speed and automation of digital technology found in today's
14 chamber; and

15 WHEREAS, during that time, Linda also coordinated the letting of legislative
16 contracts for printed materials through Emprint Moran Printing and she handled the timely
17 receipt, delivery, and distribution of legislative instruments, journals, and other printed
18 matter, all with meticulous accounting of transactions; and

1 WHEREAS, Linda has always garnered the admiration of her peers for her excellent
2 work product, her enthusiasm, her warmth of spirit, and friendly demeanor; she has
3 demonstrated a steady hand and quiet aplomb while coordinating the interaction between
4 proposed legislation and journal copy; and

5 WHEREAS, Linda applied her talents during the administrations of nine presiding
6 officers of the Senate, which include Lieutenant Governor James Fitzmorris, Michael
7 O'Keefe, Sammy Nunez, Allen Bares, Randy Ewing, John Hainkel, Don Hines, Joel
8 Chaisson, and John Alario, and three Senate Secretaries, which include C. W. Roberts,
9 Michael Baer, and Glenn Koepf; and

10 WHEREAS, during these forty years of service, Linda has been "on the desk" for
11 forty-one regular legislative sessions and thirty-nine extraordinary sessions and has near
12 perfect attendance with the exception of a one-day absence due to an eye ailment; and

13 WHEREAS, Linda has quite an industrious work ethic as evidenced by the fact that
14 legislative sessions are just an accompaniment to her regular full-time employment at
15 Southern Media and Opinion Research; and

16 WHEREAS, Linda has leisure interests that include stamp collecting, known as
17 philately, and in earlier years she was an active member of the Civil Air Patrol, the civilian
18 auxiliary of the United States Air Force; her interest in aviation was sparked by her father
19 who was in the English Royal Air Force; she attained the rank of commander and has won
20 national awards for her service; and

21 WHEREAS, Linda Willey was born in Pontiac, Michigan, to parents, Eric and Sylvia
22 Willey, both natives of Great Britain; her family moved to New Orleans where she attended
23 public school, graduating in 1967 from John F. Kennedy High School in its first senior class;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, she was an exceptionally gifted student who matriculated to Louisiana
26 State University where she met and later married the love of her life, Joseph Muffoletto; and

27 WHEREAS, Linda has always put her family first with her husband of forty-five
28 years, Joseph, and their two sons, Joseph Vincent II (J. J.) and wife Jamie and their daughter
29 Marie, and Richard (Richie) and his wife, Michelle; and

30 WHEREAS, she has had a positive affect on the efficiency and effectiveness of the

1 legislative process with her "can do" attitude, her critical thinking and problem-solving
2 skills, and her commitment of over forty years with the Senate exemplifies all of the
3 extraordinary qualities of an exceptional public servant; and

4 WHEREAS, in retirement Linda has many memories to recall from the past four
5 decades, such as colorful legislators with controversial issues, the camaraderie shared with
6 her colleagues on the desk, or the times when her young children sat at the rail dressed in
7 their pajamas and slippers waiting patiently for Mommy to wrap up the "legislative day" in
8 the chamber; and

9 WHEREAS, while we, both senators and staff members alike, wish for Linda the
10 very best life has to offer and with her move onto new adventures in Bainbridge Island,
11 Washington, we also wish that she recall the fondness we expressed for her, how well she
12 will be remembered, and how much she will be missed.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14 does hereby commend Linda Muffoletto for forty years of outstanding public service,
15 dedication, and loyalty to this legislative body.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
17 hereby offer its heartfelt congratulations to Linda upon the occasion of her retirement and
18 extends to her its best wishes for good health and happiness in all her future endeavors.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted with
20 great appreciation and affection to Linda W. Muffoletto.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

DIGEST

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