

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY SENATOR PETERSON AND REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Lynda Woolard, president of the Independent Women's Organization in New Orleans, for her service as president and on her achievements in supporting Democratic candidates as well as in lobbying the legislature on issues.

WHEREAS, the Independent Women's Organization (IWO), the largest and oldest Democratic women's group in the state, is an all-volunteer organization, operating through a system of committees: Advocacy, Endorsement, Membership, and Program; it is a coalition member of the statewide Legislative Agenda for Women and partner with a variety of Democratic and women's groups in Louisiana on actions and events; and, in addition to educating its members on how to lobby for laws that create a fairer state for women, IWO is committed to giving its members the opportunity to personally connect with their elected officials; and

WHEREAS, a primary goal of the IWO is to achieve a more reflective democracy by working to ensure that women are better represented at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the vision, devotion, dedication, and leadership of Lynda Woolard, who is completing her second two-year term as president, has been instrumental in the success of the organization, including assisting in the election of IWO's endorsed candidate LaToya Cantrell as the first woman mayor of the city of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as president, countless people have been registered to vote through C'est La Vote and she organized volunteers through multiple election cycles delivering hundreds of thousands of phone calls to voters in Louisiana, Florida, and other battleground races; and

WHEREAS, Lynda Woolard organized with the Obama campaign in Louisiana, served as state director for the Hillary Clinton campaign, and was elected to and served on the Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Lynda is president of the Woolard Family Foundation, a nonprofit which has focused largely on projects helping to rebuild New Orleans from Hurricane Katrina and the Federal Flood and supports the arts, education, animal welfare, and human service programs; and

WHEREAS, she is an avid "Who Dat!" New Orleans Saints fan and loves animals being involved with animal rescue over thirty years with the Humane Society and the ASPCA; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Louisiana Legislature commend Lynda Woolard for her contributions as president of the Independent Women's Organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Lynda Woolard, president of the Independent Women's Organization, for her service as president and on her achievements in supporting Democratic candidates as well as in lobbying the legislature on issues, does hereby record for posterity her accomplishments and express appreciation for her service, and does hereby extend to her best wishes for success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Lynda Woolard.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES