

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY SENATOR GAUTREAUX AND REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mrs. Suzanne D. Adams, retirement benefits administrator for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, as she prepares to retire from the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, known as LASERS, it is appropriate that a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation and appreciation be expressed to Mrs. Suzanne D. Adams for her remarkable devotion and service to the members of LASERS and her many contributions made on behalf of the retirement system, its retirees, beneficiaries, and members; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Adams is well known and well respected throughout Louisiana government; since 1981, she has cheerfully served retirees, beneficiaries, and system members, initially with the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and later with LASERS, as a classified employee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Adams has consistently demonstrated a dedicated spirit and kind heart in service to the members, beneficiaries, and retirees of LASERS; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Adams' primary goal has always been the improvement of services provided to state employees and their beneficiaries throughout their careers and into retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Adams has consistently demonstrated qualities of leadership and initiative; indeed, in the tumultuous days following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, she worked tirelessly to lead the efforts of LASERS' dedicated staff, ensuring that LASERS' retirees and beneficiaries timely received their benefit checks; and

WHEREAS, during those physically-draining and emotionally-trying circumstances, she played a pivotal role in providing information and assistance to hundreds of state agencies, enabling better-informed decisions to be made, ultimately affecting thousands of classified and unclassified public servants with positive results; and

WHEREAS, without her knowledge, research, dedication, and tenacity, thousands of state employees may have lost the opportunity to maintain membership in LASERS; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Adams' commitment to exceptional customer service is evident in her creation of various educational programs and outreach seminars; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Adams actively participates in various public service organizations, such as Women in Management and the Retired State Employees' Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Adams has generously shared her knowledge of and expertise in public retirement with the legislature, providing immeasurable counsel, encouragement, and support to legislative staff in a difficult subject matter; and

WHEREAS, her tenure as retirement benefits administrator for LASERS has been characterized by effective leadership, genuine professionalism, and remarkable compassion and grace; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career in public service Mrs. Adams has conducted herself with a level of kindness, sincerity, and competence rarely encountered in today's business world; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Adams merits the highest commendation and sincerest congratulations for her exemplary dedication to public service and public servants in the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Suzanne D. Adams for her remarkable public service career spanning four decades and does hereby express its appreciation for her many years of compassionate service to the members, retirees, and beneficiaries of Louisiana's state retirement systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend to her its best wishes for success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mrs.
Suzanne D. Adams.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES