

Hall of Fame Proclamation



Whereas, THE RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA WAS ORGANIZED AND ESTABLISHED AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION ON NOVEMBER 14, 1966; AND

Whereas, THE MISSION OF RSEA OF LOUISIANA IS TO ADVANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE GIVEN OF THEIR TALENTS TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND

Whereas, THE RSEA OF LOUISIANA HALL OF FAME WAS ESTABLISHED TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY RETIRED PUBLIC SERVANTS TO ENHANCE THE ROLE, PROFESSIONALISM, IMAGE AND VISIBILITY OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN LOUISIANA; AND

Whereas, IT HONORS THOSE PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF LOUISIANA THROUGH THEIR PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT; AND

Whereas, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, WAS A CAREER PUBLIC SERVANT WHO DEDICATED TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF HER LIFE TO THE CITIZENS OF LOUISIANA HAVING SERVED AS A LOUISIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR 5 YEARS FROM 1984-1989 IN THE 45TH DISTRICT, AS THE FIRST WOMAN REPRESENTING THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE; THE FIRST FEMALE ELECTED TO THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR 7 YEARS FROM 1989-1996 AND FIRST WOMAN CHAIRPERSON OF THE PSC IN 1993 AND 1994; THE 50TH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA FOR TWO TERMS FROM 1996-2004; AND FINALLY AS THE 54TH GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA FROM 2004-2008, AS THE FIRST WOMAN TO BE ELECTED GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA; AND

Whereas, GOVERNOR BLANCO'S TOP PRIORITIES WERE PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE, IMPROVING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE STATE; HELPING TO CREATE A STRONG AND VIBRANT ECONOMY THROUGH AGGRESSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES; AND DESPITE THE UPHEAVAL OF HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA IN 2005, SHE MET ALL OF HER INITIAL GOALS BY THE END OF HER TERM, MOST NOTABLY PRIORITIZING EDUCATION INVESTMENT FROM PRE-KINDERGARTEN TO THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL; AND

Whereas, MOST NOTABLY GOVERNOR BLANCO PERSONALLY APPEARED AND TESTIFIED BEFORE THE LOUISIANA CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON JULY 19, 2006 ON BEHALF OF STATE EMPLOYEES, AND SHE SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATED FOR A PAY RAISE, A SPECIAL ENTRANCE RATE, AND CIVIL SERVICE PAY GRADE CHANGES IN ORDER TO RAISE LOW-PAYING CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS TO AT OR ABOVE THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE FOR ALL STATE JOBS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 14, 2006; AND

Whereas, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO IS DESERVING OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR HER 24 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE AND STATE EMPLOYEES;

Now Therefore ON THIS 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019,
THE RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA HONORS

Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

AS THE SECOND FEMALE INDUCTEE INTO RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES
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