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## **SENATOR CARTER PETERSON TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AS NEW DISTRICT 5 STATE SENATOR**

### **EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AMONG TOP PRIORITIES**

**Karen Carter Peterson is the new state senator for Senate District 5. The New Orleans democrat won a special election last month to replace Senator Cheryl Gray Evans who left the Senate to join her husband who is serving in the United States Navy in Connecticut. Sen. Carter Peterson was sworn in Monday evening during special ceremonies at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art. Orleans Parish Criminal District Judge Keva Landrum Johnson administered the oath of office with the Senator's husband Dana Peterson and parents Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carter nearby.**

**"I am honored that the citizens of New Orleans have given me this opportunity to serve them as their State Senator for District 5. I will continue to be a strong voice for public education, for job development, and for making sure government serves all people with fairness and accountability," Sen. Carter Peterson said.**

**The New Orleans native comes to the Louisiana Senate after a decade of service in the Louisiana House of Representatives, most recently as House Speaker Pro Tempore. She also worked as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the House Governmental Affairs Committee. During her service in the House, she was also the first woman to chair the House Insurance Committee.**

**Sen. Carter Peterson is a practicing attorney. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in international business and marketing from Howard University and a Juris Doctorate from Tulane.**

**Senate District 5 stretches along the Mississippi River from Canal to Jefferson Avenue and includes the Central Business District, the Warehouse District, the Garden District, Central City and parts of Uptown, Mid City and Carrollton areas.**

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