## Regular Session, 2010

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

## BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER AND KATZ

# COMMENDATIONS: Commends Charles F. Castille on 35 years of outstanding service and dedication to the citizens of the state of La. on the occasion of his retirement from the La. Dept. of Health and Hospitals

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Mr. Charles F. Castille on thirty-five years of outstanding service and
3	dedication to the citizens of the state of Louisiana and to congratulate him on the
4	occasion of his retirement from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
5	(DHH).
6	WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a sincere measure of appreciation be expressed to
7	Charles F. Castille for his many years of committed service, dedication, and remarkable
8	contributions to the state of Louisiana; and
9	WHEREAS, Mr. Charles F. Castille is a native of Arnaudville, Louisiana; and
10	WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Castille received his bachelor's degree in history from the
11	University of Southwestern Louisiana, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and in
12	1974, he received his Juris Doctor from Louisiana State University Law Center; and
13	WHEREAS, Mr. Castille began his service to the state of Louisiana in 1975 as a staff
14	attorney for the Department of Health and Human Resources, the predecessor agency to the
15	Department of Health and Hospitals, where he became general counsel for the department
16	in 1982; and
17	WHEREAS, in 1991 and 1992, he served as interim chief executive officer of the
18	Louisiana Health Care Authority, which formerly administered the state charity hospital
19	system prior to its transfer to Louisiana State University; and

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1 WHEREAS, in the ensuing years, Mr. Castille's wealth of knowledge, tireless energy, 2 innovative ideas, and expertise led to various other executive management positions within 3 the department, including his service in 1994 and 1995 as the department's deputy secretary; 4 and 5 WHEREAS, as deputy secretary, he was responsible for overseeing the 6 administration of day-to-day operations of the department, including the oversight of mental 7 health, public health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse programs; and 8 WHEREAS, since 1998, Mr. Castille has served as the department's undersecretary, 9 having been first appointed to that position by Governor Mike Foster in February 1998, 10 reappointed by Governor Kathleen Blanco in February 2004, and reappointed again by 11 Governor Bobby Jindal in January 2008; and 12 WHEREAS, in that position, Mr. Castille has demonstrated exceptional leadership 13 in serving as the chief financial officer for DHH, overseeing several thousand employees and 14 managing the agency's multi-billion dollar annual budget; and 15 WHEREAS, as undersecretary, he oversaw the state Medicaid program, which 16 provides health care services for more than a million Louisiana residents; and 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Castille's dedication and commitment was essential in implementing the Medicaid outreach and LaCHIP programs, which provided coverage for 18 19 more than three hundred thousand additional Louisiana children; and 20 WHEREAS, as undersecretary of the department, Mr. Castille was also responsible 21 for overseeing financial research, contract administration, human resources, capital outlay, 22 and policy development, and his work to consolidate information technology and human 23 resources functions throughout the department helped provide more consistent delivery of 24 services; and 25 WHEREAS, he was also instrumental in working with the legislature and developing 26 the department's legislative strategy and packages; and 27 WHEREAS, Mr. Castille is known throughout the department as a virtual walking 28 encyclopedia of knowledge about the department and its history; and 29 WHEREAS, his wealth of knowledge is one of the many reasons he will be so dearly 30 missed, as he is considered to be the "institutional memory" of the agency; and

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1	WHEREAS, his great integrity, character, conviction, and composure in the toughest
2	of situations have earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues at the department, the
3	legislature, others in state government, and with federal government leaders; and
4	WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Castille was honored by the Louisiana Civil Service
5	League with a Charles E. Dunbar, Jr., award for exemplary service to the state; and
6	WHEREAS, the Dunbar award is considered to be the highest honor a classified state
7	employee can receive for his or her service, and only twelve Dunbar awards for exceptional
8	civil service are given out each year; and
9	WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Castille was also the recipient of the Distinguished Service
10	Award from the Rural Hospital Coalition; and
11	WHEREAS, he is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana State
12	Employees Retirement System (LASERS); and
13	WHEREAS, Mr. Castille is a loving husband and father and he and his wife, Gail,
14	have been blessed with two wonderful children, David and Adrienne; and
15	WHEREAS, his dedicated service has resulted in a substantial increase in the
16	availability and accessibility of health care for Louisiana citizens; and
17	WHEREAS, Mr. Castille has not only dedicated his life to bettering the health and
18	welfare of the citizens of Louisiana, he has also touched the lives of those who have been
19	privileged to learn from, work with, and know him; and
20	WHEREAS, although he is retiring, his impact on the health and welfare systems of
21	Louisiana will continue for many years to come, and he will truly be missed.
22	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23	acknowledge with gratitude and commend Charles F. Castille for his outstanding service of
24	over thirty years to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and the citizens of
25	Louisiana and congratulate and wish him well on the occasion of his retirement.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
27	Charles F. Castille.

# DIGEST

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#### Tucker

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Commends Charles F. Castille on 35 years of outstanding service and dedication to the citizens of the state on the occasion of his much deserved retirement from DHH.