

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;
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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
18 implementing the Medicaid outreach and LaCHIP programs, which provided coverage for
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

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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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.