

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Supreme Court to develop a centralized system for monitoring the certification and registration of mediators and to make the list of currently certified mediators readily available to the general public.

WHEREAS, mediation has been a growing profession in this state for many years; and

WHEREAS, with the growth of the mediation profession, specialized fields of mediation have developed in areas such as child custody and juvenile court disputes; and

WHEREAS, some of the specialized fields of mediation have particular mandatory education requirements; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous attorneys who have completed the necessary qualifications in order to become a mediator in one or more fields of mediation; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no mandatory central registry system to help ensure that courts have a list of current and qualified mediators in the various fields of mediation; and

WHEREAS, courts, practicing attorneys, and the general public would benefit from having a central registry system to reference for the appointment of mediators and to ensure that the registered mediators are fully certified and qualified to perform the mediation services requested of them.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Supreme Court to develop mandatory requirements for certification, registration, and monitoring of mediators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Louisiana State Bar Association and to the chief justice of the Louisiana State Supreme Court and that they provide a report of their findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure prior to January 1, 2012.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE