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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 219

BY REPRESENTATIVE KLECKLEY AND SENATOR ALARIO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the extraordinary men and women who have served in the Louisiana Legislature and to provide for the observance of "Former State Legislator Recognition Day" during the third week of each regular session of the legislature in even-numbered years.

WHEREAS, among those who serve in public office, the work of a legislator is quite unique; for a legislator has many roles, as policymaker and lawmaker, as ombudsman obtaining services for constituents, and as overseer of the implementation of laws; and

WHEREAS, those who have experienced this unique governmental role comprise a special band of brothers and sisters who are alone in their knowledge and understanding of the time, the effort, the concerns, and the sacrifices that constitute the true nature of legislative office; and

WHEREAS, legislators who have served in prior terms of office have been responsible for maintaining and enhancing the effectiveness of the legislative process over the years, for assuring the fairness, efficiency, and openness of the process, and they have also been innovators in solving state problems and resourceful in bringing knowledge and expertise to bear on the formation of public policy; and

WHEREAS, the predecessors of today's representatives and senators have willingly shared their wisdom and knowledge with newly elected members, becoming their mentors, colleagues, and friends, and many of these men and women have gone on to continue serving the public in other capacities; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for legislators serving today to establish a forum to compare notes with former legislators about their common experience in a spirit of camaraderie and fellowship and to profit by the wise counsel of those who in earlier years walked the halls of this capitol, debated in committees, and struggled with the same kinds of decisions legislators face today; and

WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes and honors many different groups and constituencies from around our state during every session, and it is only fitting and proper that the legislature provide for the recognition of the men and women who have served as legislators in prior terms of office, for the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon people like these men and women who have dedicated their time, energy, knowledge, and experience as lawmakers and public servants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the extraordinary men and women who have served in the Louisiana Legislature and does provide for the observance of "Former State Legislator Recognition Day" during the third week of each regular session of the legislature in even-numbered years.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE