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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HILL, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, HUTTER, HUVAL, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LAMBERT, LANDRY, LEBAS, LITTLE, MCVEA, MONICA, MONTOUCET, MORRIS, NOWLIN, PEARSON, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, THIBAUT, WHITE, WILLIAMS, AND WOOTON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Mechelle Miller, administrator of the Rural Caucus of the Louisiana Legislature, upon her receipt of the 2011 National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Staff Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and congratulate Mechelle Miller, longtime administrator of the Rural Caucus of the Louisiana Legislature, upon her receipt of the 2011 Legislative Staff Achievement Award from the National Conference of State Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, it was in December of 1980 that Mechelle Miller began her long and productive term of service on the staff of the Louisiana House of Representatives; she first served as a docket clerk, became a secretary for the legal division in 1985, and has served with great dedication and effectiveness as administrator of the Rural Caucus of the Louisiana Legislature since 1987; and

WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) is a bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staffs of the nation's fifty states and its commonwealths and territories, and its Leadership Staff Section is committed to developing the professional skills of legislative staff working in offices of state legislative leaders; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller, who has been very active with the Leadership Staff Section for more than twenty years, has served with distinction on several of its committees, including the bylaws, finance and fundraising, program development, and outreach

committees, to name just a few, and has held several leadership positions, including serving as chair of the section's executive committee; and

WHEREAS, each year, outstanding legislative leadership staff are recognized for the important contributions they make to the legislative process with NCSL's Legislative Staff Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, only one or two individuals receive this prestigious award annually, and this is the second time that Ms. Miller has received it, having also received this special recognition in 2001; and

WHEREAS, upon the memorable occasion of again receiving national recognition for her professional excellence, Mechelle Miller merits a sincere measure of commendation for the tremendous pride and honor she brings to the Louisiana House of Representatives and to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana, for themselves and for the staff of the House, hereby commend Mechelle Miller, administrator of the Rural Caucus of the Louisiana Legislature, upon her receipt of the 2011 Legislative Staff Achievement Award from the National Conference of State Legislatures, hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions and achievements for more than three decades as an integral member of the House staff, hereby express heartfelt appreciation for her expert abilities, her leadership, and her friendship, and hereby extend to her best wishes for continuing success and happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mechelle Miller.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES