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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 245

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

A RESOLUTION

To commend Vincent "Vince" Charles Latino, Jr. on occasion of his retirement from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and for his years of dedicated service to the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Vincent "Vince" Charles Latino, Jr. and commend him for dedicating thirty years of service to the Department of Transportation and Development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino is a native of Ponchatoula, Louisiana and resides on the same property that he was born and raised on; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino graduated from Ponchatoula High School in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino obtained his bachelor's degree in electric engineering from the Louisiana State University in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino joined the Department of Transportation and Development where he worked in the bridge maintenance section, concentrating on movable bridges, pump stations, and ferry boats; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino managed ferry operations in the following locations: New Roads - St. Francisville Ferry, Plaquemine- Sunshine Ferry, Carville-White Castle Ferry, and Edgard-Reserve Ferry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino was instrumental during the implementation of the department's maintenance management system in 2010 and continued to be involved until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino was promoted to maintenance systems management and held that position until he was promoted to Chief Maintenance Engineer, overseeing all of the department's maintenance sections and statewide maintenance policy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino ushered in the equipment operator roadeo competition in 2014, as chief maintenance engineer, joining several other southern states in an annual regional competition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino directed the implementation of the department's innovation showcase, a program designed to identify, recognize, and share the best innovations in the office of operations within the Department of Transportation and Development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino was promoted to deputy assistant secretary of operations in 2016, overseeing the nine department districts statewide, including maintenance management, loss prevention, traffic services, intelligent transportation systems, tolling operations, truck permits, and facilities planning; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino was appointed to serve as the assistant secretary of operations by secretary Shawn Wilson in 2017 and has served in this position until his retirement providing continued oversight to the nine department districts statewide, including maintenance management, loss prevention, traffic services, intelligent transportation systems, tolling operations, truck permits and facilities planning; and emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, in his role as the assistant secretary of operations, Mr. Latino was responsible for the oversight and maintenance of eight thousand bridges and sixteen thousand five hundred centerline miles of roadway throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino served in many critical roles in directing the department's emergency response efforts, including Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike, Isaac, Laura, Delta, Zeta, and Ida, in addition, flood events and winter weather response; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino, as assistant secretary of operations, was involved in the implementation of several safety measures to better protect the department's staff on the roadside, including implementation of high visibility safety uniforms, transition to an enhanced green and amber warning light layout on equipment, and the addition of more than eighty trailer mounted crash attenuators for use in the maintenance activities of the department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino was appointed to serve as the designee for the secretary on a number of boards and commissions, including most recently with Governor Edwards' Litter Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latino will follow the footsteps of his father, the late Vincent Charles Latino, Sr., as a retiree of the Department of Transportation and Development; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Mr. Latino will have more time to continue perfecting his golf and bowling game, in addition to spending quality time with his wife and newborn baby; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Vincent "Vince" Charles Latino, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement, for his distinguished service to the state of Louisiana and does hereby extend sincerest wishes for his continued prosperity as he begins his time in retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Vincent "Vince" Charles Latino, Jr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES