

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROMER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Theresa Harper Ray upon her retirement from House Legislative Services after thirty-six years of service

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Theresa Harper Ray upon her retirement from House Legislative Services.

3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Theresa Harper Ray upon her retirement
4 from House Legislative Services (HLS) and to recognize her commitment and contributions
5 to the Louisiana House of Representatives; and

6 WHEREAS, after thirty-six years as a dedicated member of the legislative staff of
7 the Louisiana House of Representatives, Theresa Harper Ray is retiring in July of 2016 from
8 her position as senior legislative analyst with the House Committee on Insurance; and

9 WHEREAS, the oldest of six children, Theresa Harper was born during the cherry
10 blossom season in Washington, D. C., at Georgetown University Hospital to Robert and
11 Ramona Harper; and

12 WHEREAS, Theresa was educated in the Catholic schools in Metairie and graduated
13 from Archbishop Chapelle High School in 1975; and

14 WHEREAS, a gifted student, Theresa earned an academic scholarship to Louisiana
15 State University (LSU) where she was a member of Angel Flight and the prestigious
16 academic honor society, Phi Beta Kappa; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1979, Theresa received a bachelor of arts degree, graduating with a
18 4.0 cumulative grade point average and earned the University Medal, an award given to
19 students for "highest academic achievement"; and

20 WHEREAS, on April 15, 1980, Theresa began her long and distinguished career as
21 a research analyst with the Louisiana Legislative Council of the Louisiana Legislature; and

1 WHEREAS, shortly after her arrival in 1981, the Louisiana Legislative Council
2 divided its staff thereby creating House Legislative Services and Theresa chose to continue
3 her career with HLS; and

4 WHEREAS, it was also in 1981 when Theresa met and began dating David Ray; and

5 WHEREAS, Theresa continued her education while working full time for HLS and
6 in 1983, she earned a master's degree in Public Administration from LSU; and

7 WHEREAS, Theresa and David enjoyed a three-year courtship and married on
8 September 8, 1984; and

9 WHEREAS, one of Theresa's proudest moments occurred on October 22, 1988, when
10 she gave birth to their son, Matthew Joseph Ray, who is the light of her life and the apple
11 of her eye; and

12 WHEREAS, during the course of her thirty-six year career, Theresa has worked as
13 a research analyst, conducting research and drafting bills, for several legislative committees,
14 numerous chairmen, and countless legislators; and

15 WHEREAS, early in her career, Theresa staffed the House Committee on Health and
16 Welfare chaired by Representative Nick Connor; the House Committee on Municipal,
17 Parochial and Cultural Affairs chaired by Representatives John N. John, Jr., Joe Delpit,
18 Diana Bajoie, and Arthur Morrell; the House Committee on Commerce chaired by
19 Representatives Dale Sittig and John Travis; and the House Committee on Appropriations
20 chaired by Representative Jerry Luke LeBlanc; and

21 WHEREAS, since 1998, Theresa has served with great distinction as the senior
22 legislative analyst for the House Committee on Insurance chaired by Representatives Jim
23 Donelon, Troy Hebert, Karen Carter, Chuck Kleckley, Greg Cromer, and Kirk Talbot; and

24 WHEREAS, Theresa has also served under the leadership of nine speakers of the
25 House of Representatives: John Hainkel, John Alario, Jimmy Dimos, Hunt Downer, Charlie
26 DeWitt, Joe Salter, Jim Tucker, Chuck Kleckley, and Taylor Barras; and

27 WHEREAS, Theresa's experience and depth of knowledge on a broad range of
28 subjects have been an invaluable source to those who work with her; and

29 WHEREAS, Theresa has developed and cultivated relationships with colleagues and
30 friends that will last well beyond her years with HLS; and

1 WHEREAS, the staff of HLS, particularly the Commercial Regulation Division, will
2 miss her smile, guidance, friendship, and the bouquets of fresh flowers she supplied that
3 complemented her office and the ninth floor of the Louisiana State Capitol.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Theresa Harper Ray, senior legislative
6 analyst, upon the occasion of her retirement after thirty-six years, for her service to the
7 Legislature of Louisiana and the House of Representatives.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives, on behalf of the
9 members and staff, does hereby recognize and record for posterity Theresa Harper Ray's
10 outstanding accomplishments and manifold contributions, does hereby express enduring
11 appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride that she brings to her family, friends,
12 colleagues, and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend to her every good wish for
13 success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
15 to Mrs. Theresa Harper Ray.

DIGEST

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