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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 197

BY REPRESENTATIVE KATRINA JACKSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Ruth Johnson for her outstanding public service as she departs the position of secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend Ms. Ruth Johnson for her years of outstanding public service to the citizens
3	of Louisiana as she departs the position of secretary of the Department of Children
4	and Family Services.
5	WHEREAS, Ms. Ruth Johnson is one of Louisiana's truly outstanding public
6	servants, and in her distinguished career of over twenty-nine years with the state she has
7	served capably in key management and leadership roles with the Department of Corrections,
8	the office of juvenile justice, and the Department of Children and Family Services; and
9	WHEREAS, it is with regret that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana learned
10	of Ms. Johnson's upcoming departure from the Department of Children and Family Services
11	(DCFS) where she has served as secretary since June of 2010; and
12	WHEREAS, as the department head for DCFS, Ms. Johnson oversees major federal
13	assistance programs in the state including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and the
14	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as Food Stamps), as well as
15	the state's foster care, child support enforcement, and child abuse and neglect investigation
16	programs; and
17	WHEREAS, prior to her appointment by Governor Bobby Jindal to the position of
18	secretary, Ms. Johnson served as undersecretary for the DCFS office of management and
19	finance, a position she assumed in October of 2008; and

1	WHEREAS, positions in which Ms. Johnson served previously include deputy
2	undersecretary of the office of juvenile justice from 2005 to 2008 and accountant manager
3	at the Department of Corrections from 2002 to 2005; and
4	WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson earned national recognition in 2012 when she was elected
5	to serve as the secretary of the National Council of State and Human Services Administrators
6	of the American Public Human Services Association, a prominent bipartisan organization
7	founded in 1930 which pursues excellence in health and social services; and
8	WHEREAS, for her keen intellect and incomparable professionalism, Ms. Johnson
9	has earned the deepest respect from those who know her, and from members of the
10	legislative committees before which she testified frequently on vital issues of public policy;
11	and
12	WHEREAS, behind her calm and composed expression there burns a passion for
13	serving children and families with the greatest needs and most challenging circumstances;
14	and
15	WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson has accepted an offer to serve as deputy director for
16	finance and administration at the Department of Health and Human Services of the state of
17	South Carolina; and
18	WHEREAS, her move to South Carolina is due to her wish to be close to her son,
19	Seth, as he embarks on a college basketball career in that state; and
20	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana will sorely miss the remarkable leadership and
21	steadfast dedication of Ruth Johnson, a truly outstanding public servant.
22	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23	commend Ms. Ruth Johnson for her years of outstanding public service to the citizens of
24	Louisiana as she departs the position of secretary of the Department of Children and Family
25	Services and does hereby wish her the very best in all of her future endeavors.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
27	to Ms. Ruth Johnson.

## **DIGEST**

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