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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER AND KATZ AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, CHABERT, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CLAITOR, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAUX, N. GAUTREAUX, GUILLORY, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MORRELL, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, PETERSON, QUINN, RISER, SHAW, SMITH, THOMPSON, AND WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Charles F. Castille for his outstanding service with the Department of Health and Hospitals.

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles F. Castille's dedication and commitment were essential in implementing the Medicaid outreach and LaCHIP programs, which provided coverage for more than three hundred thousand children; and

WHEREAS, as undersecretary of the department, Mr. Castille was also responsible for overseeing financial research, contract administration, human resources, capital outlay, and policy development, and his work to consolidate information technology and human resources functions throughout the department helped provide more consistent delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Castille has also been instrumental in working with the legislature and developing the department's legislative strategy and packages; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Castille is known throughout the department as a virtual walking encyclopedia of knowledge about the department and its history; and

WHEREAS, his wealth of knowledge is one of the many reasons he will be so dearly missed, as he is considered to be the "institutional memory" of the agency; and

WHEREAS, his great integrity, character, conviction, and composure in the toughest of situations have earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues at the department, the legislature, others in state government, and with federal government leaders; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Castille was honored by the Louisiana Civil Service League with a Charles E. Dunbar, Jr., award for exemplary service to the state, considered

to be the highest honor a classified state employee can receive for his or her service, as only twelve Dunbar awards for exceptional civil service are given out each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Castille was also the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Rural Hospital Coalition; and

WHEREAS, he is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana State Employees Retirement System (LASERS); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Castille and his wife, Gail, have two children, David and Adrienne; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Castille's dedicated service has resulted in a substantial increase in the availability and accessibility of health care for Louisiana citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Castille has not only dedicated his life to bettering the health and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana, he has also touched the lives of those who have been privileged to learn from, work with, and know him; and

WHEREAS, although he is retiring, his impact on the health and welfare systems of Louisiana will continue for many years to come, and he will truly be missed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby acknowledge with gratitude and commend Mr. Charles F. Castille for his outstanding service of over thirty years to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and the citizens of Louisiana and congratulates and wishes him well on the occasion of his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Charles F. Castille.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE