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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOFFMANN, ANDERS, CHANEY, FANNIN, HUNTER, KATRINA JACKSON, JAY MORRIS, PYLANT, AND SHADOIN AND SENATORS GALLOT, KOSTELKA, RISER, JOHN SMITH, THOMPSON, AND WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Charles "Charlie Mac" McDonald of Bastrop, former state representative, and to express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions to education in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize Charles "Charlie Mac" McDonald for his singular contributions to the improvement of education in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Charles McDonald holds a bachelor of science degree in education administration, a master of education degree, and a doctor of education degree; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McDonald's long and productive career in education spanned more than three decades, during which time he served with distinction as a teacher, coach, and principal in West Carroll and Morehouse parishes and as a director of student services and financial aid and a professor in the college of education at the University of Louisiana at Monroe; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McDonald served with great effectiveness and productivity as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives from 1991 until 2008, during which time he fully used every opportunity to serve the citizens of his district and the state in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the House of Representatives, Representative McDonald authored many important pieces of legislation, including the landmark 1997 bill that created the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), now known as the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, the merit-based scholarship program that has helped hundreds of thousands of Louisiana students to achieve their educational goals; and

WHEREAS, 2012 marks the fifteenth anniversary of TOPS, and upon this historic anniversary, Charles McDonald merits a sincere measure of commendation as the author of the legislation that created TOPS and for his singular contributions to education in the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends Charles "Charlie Mac" McDonald, former state representative, for his outstanding contributions to education in the state, hereby expresses enduring appreciation for his unwavering efforts on behalf of the students of Louisiana, and hereby recognizes and records for posterity the special place he holds in the annals of the history of the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Charles "Charlie Mac" McDonald.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE