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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BROSSETT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONORE, HOWARD, HUTTER, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MONICA, MONTOUCET, MORENO, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STIAES, TALBOT, TEMPLET, THIBAUT, THIERRY, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Harold "Hal" Turner upon his retirement as executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize Harold "Hal" Turner upon his retirement as executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association (LSA); and

WHEREAS, Hal Turner has served with great distinction as the executive director of LSA since 2004; and

WHEREAS, it was in 1980 when Mr. Turner began his distinguished career in law enforcement, rising through the ranks of the Allen Parish Sheriff's Office; he served in that parish in numerous positions, including as patrol deputy, criminal investigator, and one of the state's first DARE officers; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Mr. Turner was elected sheriff of Allen Parish, and he served for three highly productive four-year terms in this vital position; and

WHEREAS, during his dedicated tenure as Allen Parish sheriff, Mr. Turner served on various boards and LSA committees, including the Louisiana Sheriffs' and Deputies' Political Action Committee as its chairman, as a member of the legislative committee, and

as a member of the risk management board of directors; in 2001, he was elected president of the LSA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turner has also served on the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice (LCLE) and the Louisiana Sheriffs' Retirement System board of directors; and

WHEREAS, as executive director of the LSA, Mr. Turner has done an excellent job overseeing the membership of sixty-five sheriffs and thousands of deputies across the state as well as the administration and implementation of services including legislative representation, insurance programs, intergovernmental relations on the local, state, and national levels, legal information and opinions, public affairs, special task forces, grant resources, education and training, crime prevention and public safety, and publishing and research; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2011, Mr. Turner is retiring from his position as executive director of the LSA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turner's career reflects a true commitment to law enforcement and provides a source of inspiration to members of his community and fellow law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon citizens like Hal Turner; and

WHEREAS, Hal Turner merits a special measure of commendation for his unwavering dedication to the service of his community and state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Harold "Hal" Turner upon his retirement as executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his singular contributions and extraordinary achievements, does hereby express to him enduring appreciation for his many years of distinguished service, for his friendship and leadership, and for the able assistance he has given generously to all who have worked with him, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Hal Turner.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES