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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBIDEAUX, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, 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, HENSGENS, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONORE, HOWARD, HUTTER, HUVAL, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MONICA, MONTOUCET, MORENO, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, 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 the Honorable Jim Tucker and to express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions to Jefferson and Orleans parishes, the House of Representatives, and the state of Louisiana, particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member and speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, Jim Tucker is a public servant who has served with excellence since taking office in 2001, during which time he has fully used every opportunity to serve the citizens of his district and the state in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of O.P. Walker High School, Speaker Tucker received a bachelor of science degree in finance from the University of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, since January 14, 2008, Jim Tucker has served with great distinction as the sixty-sixth Speaker of the House, having made history as the first Republican to hold this position since Reconstruction, and his strength of purpose in striving to ensure an effective legislature and an independent legislature has been consistently demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the House of Representatives, Speaker Tucker has worked on and supported many important pieces of legislation and has played a key role in the House's work on numerous important state issues, including improvements and reforms in higher education, strengthening ethics laws, and the House's extensive redistricting activities; and

WHEREAS, in his final term in the Louisiana House of Representatives, Speaker Tucker has served as the co-chairman of the Legislative Budgetary Control Council, as a member of the State Bond Commission, and as an ex officio member of the House Executive Committee, the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, and all other House committees; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Tucker's diligent committee service previously included serving as a member of the House Committee on Insurance, the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, the House Committee on Retirement, and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works; and

WHEREAS, an investment banker and real estate developer, Speaker Tucker has served as a member of the Jefferson Parish Legislative Delegation, the Orleans Delegation, and the Louisiana Republican Legislative Delegation, which he chaired from 2004 until 2008; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the state as a whole have benefitted tremendously from the leadership of Speaker Tucker; and

WHEREAS, in more than a decade of highly productive public service, Speaker Tucker has proven to be a vital asset to the state of Louisiana, and those who have worked with him have appreciated his passion and determination as the holder of the speaker's gavel; and

WHEREAS, as he prepares to begin the next exciting and productive chapter of his life, Speaker Tucker merits a sincere measure of commendation for his singular contributions and the exemplary strides he has taken as an exceptional member and speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends the Honorable Jim Tucker, hereby extends honor and recognition to him for his outstanding accomplishments, particularly during his tenure as a member and speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, which has been marked by his uncompromising endeavors to improve the welfare of his constituents in Jefferson and Orleans parishes and the citizens of the state of Louisiana, and hereby pays tribute to him for the generous and effective way in which he has dedicated his intelligence and his energy to the service of his family, friends, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana House of Representatives hereby expresses enduring gratitude to Speaker Tucker for his service to the citizens of Louisiana, as evidenced by his superlative achievements as a member and speaker of this distinguished body, and hereby extends to him the best wishes of all of his colleagues for continued prosperity and success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Jim Tucker.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES