

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148

BY REPRESENTATIVES GALLOT AND DOWNS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Terrel DeVille upon his retirement as president and chief executive officer of Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services, Inc.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Terrel DeVille upon his retirement as president and chief executive officer of Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services, Inc., after forty-three years and five months of dedicated and highly productive service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeVille, who grew up in Evangeline Parish, attended Louisiana Tech University on an academic scholarship and studied sociology and social work; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home was built in Ruston as an orphanage in 1906; and

WHEREAS, it was on February 1, 1968, when Mr. DeVille began his long and productive term of service at the home, first serving as the full-time activities director and part-time social worker and moving up to the top position five years later; and

WHEREAS, due largely to Mr. DeVille's vision and under his expert guidance, the home has undergone tremendous growth, and the organization as a whole has expanded to include numerous other campuses, offices, and counseling centers throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeVille is widely respected and admired for not only his professional excellence as the leader of this remarkable organization but for his unwavering generosity, kindness, compassion, and ability to inspire others to follow their dreams; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeVille has earned the enduring appreciation of many for the extraordinary way in which he has devoted his energy and talents to the full development of people into informed, capable, and productive citizens of their communities and the world; and

WHEREAS, Terrel DeVille merits a special measure of commendation for his outstanding accomplishments and for the pride and honor he brings to the countless people whose lives he has touched, to his family, to his friends, to the city of Ruston, to Lincoln Parish, and to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Terrel DeVille upon his retirement as president and chief executive officer of Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services, Inc., after more than forty-three years of dedicated and highly productive service, does hereby recognize and record his notable achievements and manifold contributions, and does hereby extend to this wonderful gentleman best wishes as he embarks upon new challenges and endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Terrel DeVille.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES