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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs and to recognize the commitment and contributions of its secretary and staff.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) is to provide comprehensive care and quality service to Louisiana's veterans and their families with regard to health care, education, disability benefits, long-term care, and burial honors; and

WHEREAS, LDVA has offices in each of the state's sixty-four parishes, ensuring that veterans and their families receive the help they need in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, last year, LDVA's parish service offices helped the state's veterans secure more than seven hundred sixty-eight million dollars in Veterans Affairs compensation and pension benefits; and

WHEREAS, LDVA operates five state-of-the-art facilities across the state, offering long-term and short-term care, rehabilitative therapies, Alzheimer's care, and more; and

WHEREAS, LDVA also operates the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Keithville, and its second cemetery, the Central Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Leesville, is under construction and is slated for opening in early 2012; and

WHEREAS, LDVA is led with distinction by Secretary Lane Carson, a New Orleans native, a graduate of Louisiana State University and Tulane Law School, and the first Vietnam veteran elected to the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Carson, who was wounded while serving as a combat platoon leader in Vietnam and was appointed secretary of LDVA by Governor Bobby Jindal, performs the duties of this vital position with great effectiveness, productivity, and dedication and is a truly excellent department leader; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs merits a special measure of commendation for the extraordinary services it provides to the veterans of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, does hereby express enduring appreciation for the outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions of Secretary Lane Carson and the department staff, does hereby record for posterity the department's unwavering commitment to meeting the needs of the state's veterans, and does hereby recognize the tremendous pride and honor that the department brings to the state of Louisiana and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Lane Carson, secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES