

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 145

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend John D. Carpenter for his many years of exemplary public service to the state of Louisiana and to congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement as director of legislative services for the division of administration.

WHEREAS, John Carpenter has served this state for nearly three decades in numerous capacities, both in the legislative and executive branches; and

WHEREAS, during this time, his knowledge and expertise in budgetary matters has been a vital element in the tempering of the funding process in the House of Representatives and in the budget policy and planning mechanics of the division of administration; and

WHEREAS, born to William "Jack" and Lucille Carpenter of Winnsboro, Louisiana, in 1947, John married his childhood sweetheart, Betty H. "Susie" Carpenter; a union blessed with three children: two daughters, Amy Carpenter and Rachel C. Farmer, and son, William Russell Carpenter; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Louisiana Tech University and a Juris Doctorate degree from Louisiana State University Law Center, John began his legal career, first in private practice, then with the Louisiana District Attorneys Association and later to delve into the realm of state service with the

Louisiana Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, John was employed as a staff attorney for the Louisiana House of Representatives and served as senior attorney for the House Committee on Ways and Means, however, the lion's share of his public life, twenty-six years, was spent in the Fiscal Division of House Legislative Services serving on two separate occasions as its division director; and

WHEREAS, his extraordinary intelligence and proficiency in budget analysis led to his more extensive responsibilities as staff director of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, support staff for the Revenue Estimating Conference, and service as the first chairman of and continued participation with the Economic Estimating Conference; and

WHEREAS, as a consummate resource for economic and revenue forecasting, he specialized as the policy officer for the Office of Budget, Policy, and Disaster Recovery and as the principal staff for the Special Committee on Disaster Planning, Crisis Management, Recovery and Long Term Revitalization; and

WHEREAS, John Carpenter has provided invaluable guidance in the review and evaluation of the executive budget, that policy framework for the appropriation of funding for the annual operations of the state, the legislature, and the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, he was active in prestigious professional organizations such as the National Conference of State Legislatures and its subcommittees, the National Association of Legislative Fiscal Officers and the Budget and Revenue Committee; and the Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, John joined the division of administration as its director of legislative services under a new governor, the Honorable Bobby Jindal, to help provide invaluable legislative and fiscal policy expertise in the confecting of the executive budget for state government; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, John Carpenter has made significant contributions to the improvement of the legislative budgetary process and his commitment of thirty years of public service exemplifies all the rare qualities of a proficient governmental administrator; and

WHEREAS, although John has announced his retirement from state service, he will continue to provide his brand of financial acumen to local government as he begins his next leg of public service with Mayor President Kip Holden of East Baton Rouge Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend John D. Carpenter for his outstanding and dedicated service to this body and the state of Louisiana and to offer congratulations upon the occasion of his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby wish every success for John in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to John D. Carpenter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES