

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation and their Executive Director, Dr. Ken Ward.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation was organized in September of 1942 by the Foundation's first president and President of Louisiana College, Dr. Edgar Godbold, "To help people of all faiths and no faith to work together to make a better Louisiana"; and

WHEREAS, the current Executive Director of LMCF, Dr. Ken Ward, has served with distinction since January 1, 1976, and has earned the respect and reputation of one who is well informed and uncompromising on issues of ethics and morality; and

WHEREAS, both the Foundation and Dr. Ward have for many years been recognized by the members of the Louisiana Legislature as a role model for other organizations that seek to positively impact the legislature in the areas of moral and social concerns, and as an institution within the legislature in so far as the advocacy of moral and ethical behavior; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ward, recognized in Louisiana as one of the foremost ethicist of the state, received his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University where he completed his doctoral dissertation in the area of legislative ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation does not claim to speak for or represent any particular religious denomination or organization, but is widely recognized in the legislature as a reliable and trusted resource for members of the legislature, relative to the various declared positions of various religious groups and organizations that traditionally advocate varying positions on moral and ethical issues; and

WHEREAS, during decades of experience in monitoring and interacting with members of the Louisiana Legislature and others who participate in the legislative process, Dr. Ward has and continues to be called upon by members of the legislature, to provide information and analysis of often complex and controversial ethical and moral issues that may otherwise be unresolved but for the experience and skills gained by Dr. Ward through his personal disposition, preparation, experiences and genuine respect for the legislative process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Louisiana Legislature does hereby commend and express appreciation to the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation and to the foundation's Executive Director, Dr. Ken Ward, for the excellent and dedicated service rendered to the citizens of Louisiana and to the members of the Louisiana Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Louisiana Senate do hereby pledge to continue working with the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation in keeping the commitment made over sixty-five years ago, by the founders of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, to help all people work together to make a better Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation and their Executive Director, Dr. Ken Ward.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE