

1 Katrina and Rita; in 2005, he led Louisiana Economic Development to achieve the
2 International Organization for Standardization 9001 certification and the International
3 Economic Development Council Accredited Economic Development Organization
4 designation, both firsts-in-the-nation for a state economic development agency; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier was also named as "One of the Top 10 in the U.S. to Make
6 a Difference in Economic Development" by *Southern Business and Development* magazine
7 and his work led Louisiana to be named "State of the Year" for the first time by *Southern*
8 *Business and Development* magazine; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier was named the 2006 winner of the Lifetime Achievement
10 Award for Excellence in Economic Development by the International Economic
11 Development Council; and

12 WHEREAS, Louisiana Economic Development, during Mr. Olivier's tenure, was
13 awarded by CORENET Global the 2007 Economic Development Leadership Award in
14 Strategies and Innovation for the business recovery work accomplished after Hurricanes
15 Katrina and Rita; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier has been a president of the Southern Economic
17 Development Council and was a ten-year board member and officer of the American
18 Economic Development Council; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier was named "Mississippi's Economic Developer of the Year"
20 in 1999 by *Business Week*; and in 2002, *Southern Business and Development* magazine
21 named him one of the "Top 10 Economic Developers of the Decade"; he also won the
22 American Economic Development Council's Distinguished Service Award in 1995, 1996
23 and 1997; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Olivier still serves on the Louisiana Board of International
25 Commerce and the Restore Louisiana Task Force appointed by Louisiana Governor John Bel
26 Edwards; additionally, he was named the Eugene Schreiber Award Winner for 2019 by The
27 World Trade Center of New Orleans in recognition of his many years of international
28 economic development work; and

29 WHEREAS, under Mr. Olivier's leadership, the Committee of 100 for Economic
30 Development worked with the Tax Foundation in 2015 to develop what has become one of

1 the key frameworks for tax reform in Louisiana, and with the committee he helped lead a
2 highly-successful and unique partnership with the Council for A Better Louisiana and the
3 Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana to create the nonpartisan RESET Louisiana
4 initiative to inform candidates for the legislature on issues critical to the future of Louisiana;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, his jovial personality, love of travel, pursuit of "foodie" adventures, and
7 commitment to the betterment of Louisiana are known and appreciated by many and he is
8 most deserving of the highest recognition for his service.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 commend Michael J. Olivier on the occasion of his retirement from the Committee of 100
11 for Economic Development and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to
12 prosper in all of his endeavors.

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