

1 Cathy Castleman Greene settled in Maringouin, Louisiana, between the bayous and raised
2 five children there: Holland, Craig, Jason, Ryan, and Boyd; and

3 WHEREAS, Thomas A. "Tom" Greene's humble beginnings brought him from the
4 bayous to the highlands along the Mississippi River to represent the people of Louisiana
5 where he served as state senator representing Senate District 17; and

6 WHEREAS, Thomas A. "Tom" Greene, a practicing veterinarian by trade, had never
7 sought an elected office before, but yet in 1992, he defeated a veteran lawmaker in a runoff
8 for the Louisiana Senate with fifty-one percent of the vote; and

9 WHEREAS, he subsequently won reelection four years later in 1995, capturing fifty-
10 eight percent of the vote; and

11 WHEREAS, he represented District 17 in the Louisiana Senate from 1992 to 2000
12 where he served as chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and was one of the first
13 lawmakers at the Louisiana State Capitol to champion the broad expansion of school choice;
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15 WHEREAS, his efforts in the Louisiana Senate resulted in new standards of school
16 accountability for parents and more rigorous academic benchmarks for students; and

17 WHEREAS, he loved the people of Louisiana and fought tirelessly to make this state
18 a better place for future generations to come; and

19 WHEREAS, Thomas A. "Tom" Greene was a true public servant and after his two
20 terms in the Louisiana Senate, he entered the race for governor in 1999, surprising political
21 observers by filing on the last day of qualifying; and

22 WHEREAS, running on a platform of improving education across Louisiana by
23 expanding school choice, pursuing robust economic development strategy, and instituting
24 a higher ethical standard for elected officials, Thomas A. "Tom" Greene's campaign
25 emphasized how an engaged executive with fresh ideas could usher in a new era of
26 prosperity for the state of Louisiana; and

27 WHEREAS, while thousands of Louisianians rallied behind him and supported him
28 as a candidate for governor at the ballot box, he ultimately finished third in the primary; and

29 WHEREAS, Thomas A. "Tom" Greene returned to the community of Livonia which
30 welcomed him home where he continued his veterinary practice; and

