

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Carson's father was a veteran of World War II and Mr. Carson's son
2 is currently serving in the United States Navy in the Persian Gulf; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1982, Mr. Carson was appointed assistant secretary at the Louisiana
4 Department of Health and Human Resources and later began work as an assistant district
5 attorney in St. Tammany Parish, where he served for more than twenty years; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Carson previously served on the Veterans Administration's
7 Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans, was appointed by President Ronald
8 Reagan to the Architectural and Transportation Barrier's Compliance Board, and was
9 appointed by President George Bush to serve on the National Institute of Building Science;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Carson
12 ensured that every parish has a veterans affairs office, expanded eligibility at the state's five
13 veterans homes, added two new veterans cemeteries, and developed a business initiative
14 aimed at providing employment opportunities for veterans; and

15 WHEREAS, in December 2012, thanks in large part to the tireless efforts of
16 Mr. Carson, ground was broken for the new veterans cemetery at the Louisiana National
17 Guard's Camp Villere near Slidell; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Carson has gone above and beyond to uphold and strengthen the
19 mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide comprehensive care and quality
20 service to Louisiana's veterans and their families with regard to health care, education,
21 disability benefits, long-term care, and burial honors; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Carson performed his duties as secretary with great effectiveness,
23 productivity, and dedication and was a truly excellent department leader; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Carson is a true Louisiana hero who served his state and nation with
25 great honor and shepherded the Department of Veterans Affairs through a tumultuous period
26 of growth, reorganization, and transition, in order to continue to deliver the best possible
27 service to Louisiana's veterans and their families.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 commend Lane Carson for four years of distinguished service as secretary of the Louisiana
30 Department of Veterans Affairs, does hereby express enduring appreciation for his

1 outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions, does hereby record for posterity
2 his unwavering commitment to public service and meeting the needs of Louisiana's veterans,
3 does hereby recognize the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to the state of
4 Louisiana and the United States of America, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for
5 success, good health, and prosperity in all of his future endeavors.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
7 to Lane Carson.

DIGEST

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Commends Lane Carson upon his retirement as secretary of the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.