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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Lane Carson for his service as secretary of the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Lane Carson for his service as secretary of the Louisiana Department of
3	Veterans Affairs.
4	WHEREAS, Lane Carson retired in January after four years of highly effective
5	service to the veterans of this state as secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veterans
6	Affairs; and
7	WHEREAS, Mr. Carson, who was appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal in 2008, is
8	a graduate of Louisiana State University and Tulane Law School; and
9	WHEREAS, Mr. Carson, a native of Covington, was wounded while serving as an
10	Army platoon leader in Vietnam and went on to become the first Vietnam veteran to serve
11	in the Louisiana House of Representatives; and
12	WHEREAS, Mr. Carson was commissioned as a second lieutenant through the
13	Louisiana State University Army ROTC in 1970; and
14	WHEREAS, from 1976 to 1982, Mr. Carson served as a member of the House of
15	Representatives from New Orleans on the house and governmental affairs, civil law, and
16	health and welfare committees; and
17	WHEREAS, in the legislature, Mr. Carson also proudly served as a member of the
18	Veterans and Elderly Sub-committees; and
19	WHEREAS, in 2001, Mr. Carson was appointed to the Louisiana Veterans Affairs
20	Commission representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and

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

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- 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