



1 from a volunteer team of firefighters with minimum resources to a full-time department  
2 operating out of a building that is the official emergency operations center for Lincoln  
3 Parish; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson has raised more than eight million dollars for the fire  
5 protection district during his twenty years at its helm; and

6 WHEREAS, he is one of the finest public servants in the history of Louisiana and a  
7 gentleman whose dedicated and highly productive service has forever changed Ruston and  
8 Lincoln Parish for the better; and

9 WHEREAS, the strength of Louisiana's communities and the overall vitality of  
10 American society depend in great measure upon the intelligence and talent of people like  
11 Tom Thompson; and

12 WHEREAS, Tom Thompson will always remain an inspiration to his fellow citizens  
13 for the vital contributions he has made during his twenty years as the chairman of Lincoln  
14 Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, and he merits the highest commendation and most  
15 sincere congratulations for his exemplary term of service and for the tremendous pride,  
16 honor, and joy that he brings to all who know him.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
18 commend Tom Thompson upon his retirement as chairman of Lincoln Parish Fire Protection  
19 District No. 1, hereby recognizes and records for posterity the deep and abiding appreciation  
20 of his fellow citizens for his exemplary term of public service and his friendship, and hereby  
21 extends to him best wishes for success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tom  
23 Thompson.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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DIGEST

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SCR No. 58

Commends Tom Thompson on his retirement and for 20 years of meritorious and dedicated  
service as the chairman of Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1.