

1 in 1983; and

2 WHEREAS, he has been instrumental in developing a partnership between business,
3 education, and government to aid in the advancement of the automotive industry as a vital
4 and rewarding career; and

5 WHEREAS, he is past president of the Louisiana Society of Trade Association
6 Executives and the Louisiana Association of Self-Insured Employees, has served on the
7 board of directors of the National Automotive Trade Association Executives and became its
8 chairman in February 2013, and served on many committees of the National Automobile
9 Dealers Association; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Israel has been administrator of the Louisiana Automobile Dealers
11 Association Self-Insurer's Trust Fund (LADA-SIF) since 1984; LADA-SIF has provided
12 workers' compensation benefits to its membership for the last thirty years; and that trust fund
13 currently provides coverage to over eighty-five percent of the LADA members; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Israel has been a registered lobbyist for LADA since 1984, is
15 responsible for developing legislative strategy on behalf of three hundred and forty dealers
16 and members, is a leading advocate in the drafting and passage of workers' compensation
17 legislation, and is very active at the state capitol during regular and special sessions and
18 travels to Washington, D.C. to meet with the Louisiana delegation when needed; and

19 WHEREAS, he is the loving, devoted, and dedicated husband of Deanne Derbes and
20 a committed father to Robert C. Israel, II; and

21 WHEREAS, he is an active member in St. James Episcopal Church where he has
22 served on the vestry, teaches Sunday School, and is a former board member of St. James
23 Episcopal Day School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

24 WHEREAS, upon retirement some of the hobbies he plans to enjoy are swimming,
25 running, tennis, and cooking; and

26 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
27 and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon men like Robert
28 "Bob" C. Israel.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
30 commend and congratulate Robert "Bob" C. Israel upon his retirement as president of the

