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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Julia Thornton for her dedication and service and congratulates her upon her well-deserved retirement from CenturyLink, Inc.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Julia Thornton for her dedication and service and to congratulate her upon her well-deserved retirement from CenturyLink, Inc.

WHEREAS, Julia Thornton recently retired from her final assignment of a lifetime dedicated to the admirable vocation of service to government and legislative-related activities, advocacy for women and children, humanitarian efforts, selfless volunteerism, and exceptional achievement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thornton has provided over three decades of legal and governmental services working for the betterment of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, her outstanding government consultation, invaluable legal aptitude, generous volunteerism, and effective leadership have served many; and

WHEREAS, she is a graduate of C.E. Byrd High School in Shreveport, the University of Mississippi, and the Tulane University of Law School in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thornton has been a tireless governmental representative serving as director of governmental and regulatory affairs for Louisiana and Mississippi of CenturyLink, Inc., one of the largest companies in the state; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her business acumen, her leadership talents were of great service to the early childhood development community as the president and chief executive

officer of Steps to Success, a statewide initiative; and

WHEREAS, she has represented a vast array of clients, including Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, the University of New Orleans, the Louisiana State University System Office, and the Louisiana Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, she has worked tirelessly to better her community and state and has served as the chair of the Boys and Girls Club of the Greater Baton Rouge Area, as chair of the Family Services of the Greater Baton Rouge area, as division chair of the Woman's Hospital Capital Campaign, as a Young Women's Christian Association board officer, as a Junior League member in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, on the board of directors of the Pennington Biomedical Research Foundation, as an officer of the Louisiana Relay Administration, and as a board member of the Louisiana Telecommunications Association; and

WHEREAS, Julia Thornton's special and incomparable leadership skills have been recognized by her selection to the Baton Rouge Leadership Class of 1987 and the Louisiana Leadership Class of 1999; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement she has returned to Oxford, Mississippi, the home of her alma mater, to continue her legacy of service on the Old Miss Women's Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express gratitude to Julia Thornton for her lifetime of service and many achievements and does congratulate her upon her retirement from CenturyLink, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Julia Thornton.

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

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