

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

COMMENDATIONS: Commends John Burkhardt for his exemplary leadership in criminal justice reform

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend John "Lil John" Burkhardt for his leadership of Louisianans for Prison
3 Alternatives and his notable contributions to criminal justice reform in the state of
4 Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, in 2016, a coalition of organizations and individuals from across
6 Louisiana united around their common goal of ensuring the success of the Justice
7 Reinvestment Initiative that was undertaken by Governor John Bel Edwards; and

8 WHEREAS, the coalition formalized under the banner "Louisianans for Prison
9 Alternatives", or LPA, and John Burkhardt was tasked with coordinating the group; he did
10 so with grace, wisdom, and boundless humor for the subsequent three regular sessions of the
11 legislature; and

12 WHEREAS, during Mr. Burkhardt's tenure at LPA, the state of Louisiana ushered
13 in historic reforms such as the ten reform measures included in the Justice Reinvestment
14 Initiative package and the repeal of Jim Crow era laws allowing felony convictions based
15 on non-unanimous jury verdicts and depriving convicted felons of their right to vote; and

16 WHEREAS, while with LPA, Mr. Burkhardt established a powerful network of allies
17 that will outlast any logo and will continue to work to improve the justice system in the years
18 to come.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend John "Lil John" Burkhardt for his leadership

1 of Louisianans for Prison Alternatives and his notable contributions to criminal justice
2 reform in the state of Louisiana.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to John
4 Burkhardt.

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