

1 WHEREAS, after serving his country in the military, Mr. Carter returned to his alma
2 mater and joined the staff of the LSU athletic department; there he served in several
3 important roles, including head tennis coach, where he earned the title of SEC Coach of the
4 Year not once but twice and led the team to its first SEC Championship in more than four
5 decades, assistant athletic director, and associate athletic director for development; and

6 WHEREAS, in addition to his years of coaching tennis at LSU, Mr. Carter mentored
7 thousands of tennis players through his youth camp, fostering in them a love of the game and
8 instilling the values of hard work and good sportsmanship; in 2006, Mr. Carter was inducted
9 into the Louisiana Tennis Hall of Fame in recognition of his great contributions to the sport
10 he loved; and

11 WHEREAS, his commitment to his hometown and his servant's heart inspired Steve
12 Carter to run for public office, and in 2008, he began his highly productive three-term tenure
13 as the state representative for House District No. 68, during which time he fully used every
14 opportunity to serve the citizens of his district and the state in an honorable and dedicated
15 manner; and

16 WHEREAS, during his time in the House of Representatives, Representative Carter
17 worked on and supported many important pieces of legislation, was a steadfast advocate for
18 education and infrastructure issues, and was unwavering in his efforts to improve the welfare
19 not only of his constituents in East Baton Rouge Parish but of people statewide, especially
20 the state's "youngsters", as he often called them; without fail, he explained his rationale
21 during any debate as wanting to do what was best for Louisiana's children; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Carter particularly left a mark as chairman of the House
23 Committee on Education (2012-2016); during the historic education reform efforts of 2012,
24 he chaired marathon committee meetings; under circumstances that were challenging
25 because of the lengthy duration, the size of the crowd, and the very heated nature of the
26 debates, he worked hard to make sure that each witness had his or her point of view
27 expressed for the record because he believed in adhering to the procedural safeguards for
28 public notice and participation that are at the heart of the legislative process; and

29 WHEREAS, Representative Carter's other committee service included serving
30 diligently as vice chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public

1 Works and as a member of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural
2 Affairs and the House Committee on Ways and Means; he was also the very effective
3 chairman of the Capital Region Legislative Delegation and a member of the Louisiana
4 Republican Legislative Delegation; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter was the recipient of numerous honors and awards throughout
6 his legislative service, including being named a Guardian of Small Business by the Louisiana
7 branch of the National Federation of Independent Business and an Educational Choice
8 Champion by the Louisiana Federation for Children, being honored by the Louisiana
9 Hospital Association as a Champion for Health Care, and being recognized twice by the
10 Southwest Louisiana Chamber of Commerce as Legislator of the Year; and

11 WHEREAS, a true friend of the community who never met a stranger, Mr. Carter
12 nurtured his friendships, old and new, at church and at local coffee houses and sandwich
13 shops where everybody knew his name, and he had a kind word and a fist bump for everyone
14 he met; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter was not shy about being a person of compassion and concern
16 for his fellow citizens; also, he truly cared about those he served with in the legislature
17 regardless of political affiliation and was a source of solid support, collegiality, and
18 encouragement to his fellow legislators and to legislative staff, lobbyists, constituents, and
19 all those he visited and worked with at the state capitol; he was open to ideas from anyone
20 and everyone, and he rarely ended a phone call without appreciatively saying, "You're the
21 best"; and

22 WHEREAS, above all, Steve Carter was a family man who loved being with his
23 wife, Gloria Solomon Carter, who was his best friend; his beloved children in whom he took
24 tremendous pride, Amelia Carter Hunt and Stephen Solomon Carter; his brother and sister-
25 in-law, Dr. Richard and Bicki Carter; his extended family, including his wife's twin sister,
26 Gladys Solomon Brown, with whom he was very close; his son-in-law, Jack Hunt; and
27 especially his four granddaughters, Yvonne, Carter, Julia, and Adelaide, who motivated him
28 to want to make the world a better place and who were the light of his life; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter will be missed profoundly by his family and the many other
2 individuals whose lives he touched with his positivity, charisma, strength of character, and
3 generosity of spirit; and

4 WHEREAS, with the death of Steve Carter, the state has lost one of her finest sons,
5 a man who will be remembered by all who were lucky enough to know him, including the
6 members of the House family, all of whom mourn the loss of this wonderful man who served
7 this institution and this state so well.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative
10 Stephen F. "Steve" Carter; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his notable
11 accomplishments and singular contributions during his twelve-year tenure as a distinguished
12 member of the Louisiana House of Representatives; and does hereby extend enduring
13 appreciation for the pride and honor that he will forever bring to his family, the Baton Rouge
14 community, and the state of Louisiana.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 family of Steve Carter.

DIGEST

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