



1 agency that oversaw statewide building plan reviews, fire code inspections, life safety and  
2 property protection contractors, mechanical safety, fire/arson investigation, public fire safety  
3 education, and the nationally-recognized urban search and rescue disaster response program;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Browning was reappointed by Governor John Bel Edwards to  
6 continue serving as Louisiana State Fire Marshal in January 2016; throughout his two terms  
7 in this position, he achieved dozens of certifications and credentials at the national level in  
8 fire safety, first response, disaster response, leadership, and building and life safety; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout his accomplished career, Mr. Browning has maintained  
10 various professional and community service affiliations with associations ranging from his  
11 local Rotary Club to statewide and international associations; he has often served in  
12 leadership roles with these associations; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Browning has received numerous awards and honors throughout  
14 his career; among these was the 2018 National Association of State Fire Marshal's  
15 President's Award, which he received after overseeing the successful development and  
16 implementation of a modernized information management system for his agency; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Browning left the office of state fire marshal on May 15, 2022, after  
18 having served the longest tenure of any state fire marshal in Louisiana history; and

19 WHEREAS, under Mr. Browning's leadership, the office of state fire marshal  
20 evolved into a pivotal agency for the business community to rely on; the agency's  
21 dependability gives business owners the security of knowing that building and construction  
22 safety is held to the highest standards; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Browning bolstered the agency's efficiency by cross-training  
24 personnel to increase productivity and elevate efforts to abate arson across Louisiana; this  
25 professional-level training has gained positive recognition and commendations from  
26 agencies across the country; additionally, his implementation of the robust and responsive  
27 urban search and rescue program has placed the office of state fire marshal at the forefront  
28 of disaster response not only in the state, but around the nation; and

29 WHEREAS, outside of his professional life, Mr. Browning is married to Joy  
30 Browning, and he is the proud father of Meagan, Zachary, Harlen, and Hudson; and

1           WHEREAS, Hillary R. "Butch" Browning has dedicated himself to the service of  
2 Louisiana and its people with unrelenting diligence and passion; he has proven his deep  
3 commitment to ensuring the safety of all people, and he is most deserving of the highest  
4 recognition for his remarkable term of professional service as the Louisiana State Fire  
5 Marshal; and

6           WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,  
7 and the overall vitality of American society depends in great measure upon first responders  
8 and public servants like Butch Browning who use their talents and resources to lead by  
9 example with ethics and integrity.

10           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
11 commend Hillary R. "Butch" Browning, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement, for his service  
12 in fire protection and law enforcement and does hereby extend sincerest wishes for his  
13 continued prosperity as he begins his well-earned life in retirement.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Hillary R.  
15 "Butch" Browning, Jr.

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