



1           WHEREAS, Mr. Latino was promoted to maintenance systems management and held  
2 that position until he was promoted to Chief Maintenance Engineer, overseeing all of the  
3 department's maintenance sections and statewide maintenance policy; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Latino ushered in the equipment operator roadeo competition in  
5 2014, as chief maintenance engineer, joining several other southern states in an annual  
6 regional competition; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Latino directed the implementation of the department's innovation  
8 showcase, a program designed to identify, recognize, and share the best innovations in the  
9 office of operations within the Department of Transportation and Development; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Latino was promoted to deputy assistant secretary of operations in  
11 2016, overseeing the nine department districts statewide, including maintenance  
12 management, loss prevention, traffic services, intelligent transportation systems, tolling  
13 operations, truck permits, and facilities planning; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Latino was appointed to serve as the assistant secretary of  
15 operations by secretary Shawn Wilson in 2017 and has served in this position until his  
16 retirement providing continued oversight to the nine department districts statewide,  
17 including maintenance management, loss prevention, traffic services, intelligent  
18 transportation systems, tolling operations, truck permits and facilities planning; and  
19 emergency operations; and

20           WHEREAS, in his role as the assistant secretary of operations, Mr. Latino was  
21 responsible for the oversight and maintenance of eight thousand bridges and sixteen  
22 thousand five hundred centerline miles of roadway throughout the state; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Latino served in many critical roles in directing the department's  
24 emergency response efforts, including Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike, Isaac, Laura,  
25 Delta, Zeta, and Ida, in addition, flood events and winter weather response; and

26           WHEREAS, Mr. Latino, as assistant secretary of operations, was involved in the  
27 implementation of several safety measures to better protect the department's staff on the  
28 roadside, including implementation of high visibility safety uniforms, transition to an  
29 enhanced green and amber warning light layout on equipment, and the addition of more than

1 eighty trailer mounted crash attenuators for use in the maintenance activities of the  
2 department; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Latino was appointed to serve as the designee for the secretary on  
4 a number of boards and commissions, including most recently with Governor Edwards'  
5 Litter Task Force; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Latino will follow the footsteps of his father, the late Vincent  
7 Charles Latino, Sr., as a retiree of the Department of Transportation and Development; and

8 WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Mr. Latino will have more time to continue  
9 perfecting his golf and bowling game, in addition to spending quality time with his wife and  
10 newborn baby; and

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Vincent "Vince" Charles Latino, Jr., on the  
13 occasion of his retirement, for his distinguished service to the state of Louisiana and does  
14 hereby extend sincerest wishes for his continued prosperity as he begins his time in  
15 retirement.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
17 Vincent "Vince" Charles Latino, Jr.

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#### DIGEST

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Commends Vincent "Vince" Charles Latino, Jr. on his retirement of 30 years from the Dept. of Transportation and Development and for his service to the state of La.