



1           WHEREAS, Rep. Thompson joined the Legislature of Louisiana after winning a  
2 special election to fill a vacated House seat in 1975; later that same year, he won a full term  
3 in the seat, which eventually became the single-member District No. 19; and

4           WHEREAS, Rep. Thompson represented District No. 19 in the Louisiana House of  
5 Representatives with honor from 1975 until 2008; during this time, he served as chairman  
6 of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, the  
7 House Special Committee on Homeland Security, and the Legislative Audit Advisory  
8 Council; he also served, most notably, as a member of the House Committee on  
9 Appropriations, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, and the Joint Legislative  
10 Committee on the Budget; and

11           WHEREAS, after thirty-three years serving House District No. 19, Rep. Thompson  
12 won election to the Louisiana Senate representing District No. 34; he served as a state  
13 senator from 2008 until 2020, garnering committee assignments including chairman of the  
14 Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, and as  
15 a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International  
16 Affairs, the Senate Committee on Finance, the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial  
17 Relations, the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security, and the Joint Legislative  
18 Committee on the Budget; and

19           WHEREAS, Rep. Thompson rejoined the House of Representatives representing  
20 District No. 19 in 2020; he currently serves as vice chair of the House Committee on  
21 Appropriations, and he served as vice chair of the House Committee on Agriculture,  
22 Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development from 2020 until November 2021; he  
23 continues to serve as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry,  
24 Aquaculture, and Rural Development; and

25           WHEREAS, Representative Francis C. Thompson has dedicated forty-eight years  
26 of sincere and honest service to his constituents in the parishes of Concordia, East Carroll,  
27 Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, and West Carroll and to the citizens of  
28 the state of Louisiana as a state legislator; he is the truest representation of a public servant,  
29 and he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his unprecedented tenure as a  
30 member of the Legislature of Louisiana.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
2   Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Francis C. Thompson on his  
3   status as the longest-serving member of the Legislature of Louisiana and does hereby further  
4   recognize Representative Thompson for serving our state with dignity, pride, honesty, and  
5   respect throughout his legislative tenure.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature  
7   of Louisiana does hereby express enduring gratitude to Representative Thompson for his  
8   service to the citizens of Louisiana, as evidenced by his superlative achievements as a  
9   member of the Legislature of Louisiana; does hereby pay tribute to him for the effective way  
10  in which he has dedicated his intelligence and his energy to the service of his family, friends,  
11  and state; and does hereby extend to him the best wishes of all his colleagues as he continues  
12  to serve with honor as a distinguished member of this esteemed body.

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