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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and record the accomplishments and contributions of a distinguished jurist and former member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, Morris A. Lottinger, Jr., and to commend him for his service to Louisiana and her people as he prepares to retire from office after twenty-seven years of public service.

WHEREAS, December 31, 1998, will mark the end of a career in public service of a man who has served Louisiana with extraordinary ability and effectiveness for more than twenty-seven years, for that is the last day in

office for Morris A. Lottinger, Jr., Chief Judge of the Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit, who has announced that he will retire from office and will not run for reelection in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lottinger grew up in Terrebonne Parish, the son of Morris A. Lottinger and Effie Hellier Lottinger who provided him with a heritage of service to Louisiana, for his father served as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives for fourteen years, including two years as Speaker of the House, and as a judge on the First Circuit Court of Appeal for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lottinger was educated in Louisiana's public educational institutions, first in the public schools of Terrebonne Parish, and then at Nicholls State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree and was a member of the Honor Board, and at the LSU Law Center from which he received his Juris Doctorate degree and where he was chairman of the Moot Court Board; and

WHEREAS, after law school, Judge Lottinger practiced law in the Houma firm of Lottinger and Lottinger, but it was not long before he was elected to fill a vacancy in the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1970, was reelected to a full term in 1971, and quickly assumed a leadership role in the House as chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, being active on such issues as wildlife and fisheries, energy, and the fight to protect and restore the barrier islands; and

WHEREAS, after serving five years in the House of Representatives, Judge Lottinger did not quite complete his term in the House of Representatives, for in the fall of 1975, instead of running for reelection to the House of Representatives, he ran and was elected to an unexpired term on the First Circuit Court of Appeal, being reelected in 1978 and 1988 from the First

District of the court which is comprised of the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Lafourche, Pointe Coupee, St. Mary, Terrebonne, and West Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, during the time Judge Lottinger has served on the court it has grown from six to thirteen judges, from sixteen to eighty employees, from just over five hundred filings per year to more than twenty-eight hundred, and from civil jurisdiction only to both civil and criminal jurisdiction, and the court has moved to a new, totally modern courthouse with the very latest in computer technology; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lottinger has served as Chief Judge of the First Circuit Court of Appeal since 1992 where he has been instrumental in assuring that the court has the facilities, equipment, and technology to enable it to handle its ever growing case load; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lottinger has been very active in professional organizations and endeavors and because his ability and acumen have been widely recognized he has been called upon to assume many leadership roles; he is a member of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board and the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Human Resource Management; he has served as chairman of the Louisiana Conference of Court of Appeal Judges and has served on the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics, the Board of Governors of the Louisiana Judicial College, and the Louisiana State-Federal Judicial Council, and in addition he is a member and past president of the Terrebonne Bar Association, a past president of the LSU Law Alumni Association, and a member of the Louisiana and American Bar Associations and the American Judicature Society; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lottinger has been recognized for his abilities, achievements, and service in a number of varied ways, for he has been listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges",

Personalities of the South", and "Outstanding Young Men of America, 1971", and has been granted many awards, including the James Lynn Powell Award presented by the Nicholls State Alumni Federation to an outstanding alumnus, the Outstanding Achievement Award at his twenty-five-year high school class reunion, the Houma-Terrebonne Jaycee Distinguished Service Award, and the Legislative Conservationist of the Year Award presented by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lottinger is married to the former Yvonne Use' of Schriever and they are the parents of a son Morris A., III, a nuclear pharmacist in Montgomery, Alabama, and daughters Theresa Hirko, who lives in Gainesville, Florida, where she is employed by the University of Florida, and Stephanie Irwin who lives in Mandeville and practices law in New Orleans, and the grandparents of Michael and Burke; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lottinger is known for his quick wit, his intellect and expertise, and his administrative and leadership skills, characteristics which have made him extraordinarily effective in his twenty-seven years of public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature of Louisiana wish to recognize the many accomplishments of their former colleague and to record his distinguished career in pubic life in Louisiana and the many contributions this brilliant and dedicated man has made to Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and record the contributions and accomplishments of Chief Judge Morris A. Lottinger, Jr., of the Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit, an exemplary public servant and gifted jurist, and does hereby pay tribute to Morris Lottinger for the generous and effective way in which he has dedicated his intelligence and energy to justice for the people of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express to Morris A. Lottinger, Jr., the heartfelt congratulations of all the members upon his retirement after twenty-seven years of able and effective service and their sincere best wishes for his success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Morris A. Lottinger, Jr., Chief Judge of the Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE