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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY SENATORS CROWE AND DONAHUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend STARC of St. Tammany Parish for more than forty years of helping people with developmental disabilities.

WHEREAS, STARC, the acronym for "St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens", is a private non-profit agency dedicated to providing a lifetime of services to citizens in its service area who have developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, STARC has been serving the developmentally disabled in its service area since its inception in 1972, beginning with only three clients and today serving more than twelve hundred individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, STARC focuses on helping people with developmental disabilities reach their potential as independent, contributing members of their community; and

WHEREAS, from providing therapeutic treatment from day care to job training, STARC has grown over the years in its efforts to build independence in those with developmental disabilities in St. Tammany Parish, as well as offering limited services in Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, and Washington parishes; and

WHEREAS, STARC offers multiple programs aimed at serving infants, toddlers, children, young men and women, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, through special programs, support, and nurturing, STARC strives to help the developmentally disabled in its service area of southeast Louisiana, equipping them to lead meaningful, productive, and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, STARC programs are aimed at developing skills that enable those with developmental disabilities to gain independence and to live productive and meaningful lives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend STARC of St. Tammany Parish for more than forty years of helping people with developmental disabilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Steve Duverney, president of the board of STARC for 2012-2013.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES