

1 in Nursing in 1973, where she also acquired her Master of Nursing in 1976 in the field of
2 Adult Health and Delivery of Health Services; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Morvant has attained invaluable work experience which includes
4 the positions of instructor of the baccalaureate program at the Louisiana State University
5 Medical Center-School of Nursing from 1976 to 1978, the assistant director of the Touro
6 Infirmary School of Nursing from July 1978 to December 1982, and the executive director
7 of the Louisiana State Nurses Association from 1984 to 1988, which afforded her a vast
8 amount of experience in the areas of administration, health policy, legislative process, and
9 nursing education; and

10 WHEREAS, the professional affiliations of Mrs. Morvant include the National
11 Council of State Boards of Nursing, of which she has been an active participant since 1988
12 and has served on a plethora of committees, task forces, and advisory groups such as the
13 board of directors, two terms as treasurer from 1998 to 2002, a member of the finance
14 committee from 1992 to 2002, the Committee on Nominations from 1991 to 1992, of which
15 she was the chairperson in 1992, the Executive Officer Orientation Group in 1998, the
16 Practice & Education Model Revision Subcommittee in 2004, the Governance and
17 Leadership Task Force in 2005 to 2006, the chairperson of the Leadership Succession
18 Committee from 2009 to 2011, the American Nurses Association and its affiliates, and she
19 is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Morvant was highly responsible for establishing such entities and
21 instruments as the recovering Nurse Program under the auspices of the LSBN, establishing
22 the Louisiana Center of Nursing, establishing criminal background analyses for all licensees
23 and student nurses, the reenactment of the Nurse Practice Act to include the licensure of
24 advanced practice registered nurses including prescriptive authority, the reestablishment and
25 purchase of the new LSBN office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, under the direction of the
26 board following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and the partnering with the American
27 Association of Retired Persons to establish the Louisiana Action Coalition for the Future of
28 Nursing; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Morvant was the recipient of the R. Louise McManus Award in
2 2005 in recognition of her invaluable contributions to the improvement of nursing
3 regulations; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Morvant has worked to serve and protect the public while also
5 advancing professional nursing in Louisiana over the past twenty-five years; and

6 WHEREAS, it was declared by the LSBN president, Dr. Demetrius Porche, that Mrs.
7 Morvant has displayed extraordinary expertise and vision with regard to helping the LSBN
8 to strategically structure the organization for its current and future successes; and

9 WHEREAS, the future absence of Mrs. Morvant is predicted to be so immense, that
10 the LSBN has initiated the development of a leadership succession plan that includes the
11 launch of a national search beginning in April 2013 to identify a new executive director with
12 the potential to continue her legacy; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Morvant has made tremendous strides in the areas of nursing
14 education, computer adaptive testing, and nursing regulation; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Morvant has further displayed her relentless dedication to the
16 cause of the LSBN by conveying her willingness to be available following her retirement to
17 help with the transition as the board and staff work to continue the efficiency demonstrated
18 under her leadership; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Morvant feels a debt of gratitude for the many individuals with
20 whom she has served including past members of the LSBN Board and staff, the nursing
21 community, and stakeholders at both the regional and national levels; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Morvant plans to continue to be an advocate for the profession of
23 nursing and a loyal servant of the citizens of Louisiana even after her retirement.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25 commend and congratulate Barbara Morvant upon her retirement as executive director of
26 the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and does hereby recognize her unwavering passion,
27 dedication, and contributions to the prosperity of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing as
28 she prepares to pass the torch to new leadership for the future.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend
2 best wishes to Mrs. Barbara Morvant for continued success and happiness in all of her future
3 endeavors.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
5 to Mrs. Barbara Morvant.

DIGEST

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