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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 191

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, BROWN, CHABERT, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, CROWE, DONAHUE, ERDEY, HEITMEIER, JOHNS, MILLS, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Daniel J. Loar upon his retirement as executive director of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the imminent retirement of Daniel J. Loar as executive director of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, and it is most fitting to commend him for his years of service in that capacity; and

WHEREAS, as executive director of the conference, a position he has held since 2002, Mr. Loar served as the chief lobbyist for the state's Roman Catholic Church and its bishops; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his advocacy on behalf of the church's position on a wide array of issues, Mr. Loar worked with the bishops to host annual legislative luncheons and to institute regular celebrations of Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral for legislators during the legislative session; and

WHEREAS, over the last few years in particular, as the legislature has considered a host of education policy issues with direct implications for nonpublic schools, Mr. Loar has worked closely with diocesan school superintendents to coordinate and represent their interests in debates over legislation and funding; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Loar's leadership, a website was launched, legislative bill handling was changed from paper service to digital service, an electronic mail advocacy network of thousands of people was established, and files of the organization were archived and repositied; and

WHEREAS, democracy at its best provides an arena for many, diverse voices to be heard and considered and works best when advocates for various points of view express their positions in a manner that shows knowledge of the issues and respect for the democratic process; Mr. Loar is an advocate who personifies those qualities, and thereby, he has served a larger constituency than merely those whom he formally represents; and

WHEREAS, Daniel J. Loar merits a sincere expression of commendation for his many years of highly effective service as the public policy liaison for the Roman Catholic bishops of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Daniel J. Loar upon his retirement as executive director of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Daniel J. Loar.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE