

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 219

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Provides for observance of Former State Legislator Recognition Day during the third week of the regular session every even-numbered year

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize the extraordinary men and women who have served in the Louisiana  
3 Legislature and to provide for the observance of "Former State Legislator  
4 Recognition Day" during the third week of each regular session of the legislature in  
5 even-numbered years.

6 WHEREAS, among those who serve in public office, the work of a legislator is quite  
7 unique; for a legislator has many roles, as policymaker and lawmaker, as ombudsman  
8 obtaining services for constituents, and as overseer of the implementation of laws; and

9 WHEREAS, those who have experienced this unique governmental role comprise  
10 a special band of brothers and sisters who are alone in their knowledge and understanding  
11 of the time, the effort, the concerns, and the sacrifices that constitute the true nature of  
12 legislative office; and

13 WHEREAS, legislators who have served in prior terms of office have been  
14 responsible for maintaining and enhancing the effectiveness of the legislative process over  
15 the years, for assuring the fairness, efficiency, and openness of the process, and they have  
16 also been innovators in solving state problems and resourceful in bringing knowledge and  
17 expertise to bear on the formation of public policy; and

18 WHEREAS, the predecessors of today's representatives and senators have willingly  
19 shared their wisdom and knowledge with newly elected members, becoming their mentors,

1 colleagues, and friends, and many of these men and women have gone on to continue serving  
2 the public in other capacities; and

3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate for legislators serving today to establish a forum to  
4 compare notes with former legislators about their common experience in a spirit of  
5 camaraderie and fellowship and to profit by the wise counsel of those who in earlier years  
6 walked the halls of this capitol, debated in committees, and struggled with the same kinds  
7 of decisions legislators face today; and

8 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes and honors many different groups and  
9 constituencies from around our state during every session, and it is only fitting and proper  
10 that the legislature provide for the recognition of the men and women who have served as  
11 legislators in prior terms of office, for the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of  
12 our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon  
13 people like these men and women who have dedicated their time, energy, knowledge, and  
14 experience as lawmakers and public servants.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
16 recognize the extraordinary men and women who have served in the Louisiana Legislature  
17 and does provide for the observance of "Former State Legislator Recognition Day" during  
18 the third week of each regular session of the legislature in even-numbered years.

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