

1 recidivism for participants in drug courts compared to those sentenced to conventional
2 justice intervention; and

3 WHEREAS, for each dollar invested in drug courts, communities receive an average
4 of three dollars and thirty-six cents in such benefits as fewer justice system costs through
5 reduced recidivism; decreased victimization costs; decreased medical costs; and increased
6 worker productivity; and

7 WHEREAS, in Louisiana in 2014, fifty drug courts consisting of thirty adult,
8 seventeen juvenile, and three family preservation courts operated in forty-two parishes, and
9 of those participating in Louisiana drug courts, an estimated savings of ten million two
10 hundred fifty thousand dollars is projected for medical and related expenses that will not
11 need to be paid for the forty-one drug-free babies born to drug court clients in 2014; and

12 WHEREAS, successful drug court graduates obtain general education diplomas and
13 employment and become contributing members of society; and

14 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Supreme Court drug court program, in conjunction with
15 the Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals, has helped thousands of citizens and
16 families in Louisiana and each of the judges and staff deserves a special measure of
17 commendation for their efforts and good works.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 commend the Louisiana Supreme Court drug court program and the Louisiana Association
20 of Drug Court Professionals for the fine work this collaboration has achieved in saving lives,
21 reuniting families, and giving hope.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted
23 to the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court and the president of the Louisiana
24 Association of Drug Court Professionals.

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