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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 214

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BADON, BARRAS, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, STUART BISHOP, WESLEY BISHOP, BOUIE, BROADWATER, BROWN, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DOVE, EDWARDS, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GUILLORY, GUINN, HALL, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HONORE, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, MIKE JOHNSON, ROBERT JOHNSON, JONES, LAMBERT, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEOPOLD, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MACK, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MONTOUCET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, ORTEGO, OURSO, PEARSON, PIERRE, PONTI, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THIERRY, WHITNEY, ALFRED WILLIAMS, PATRICK WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOODRUFF

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Charles E. "Chuck" Kleckley and to express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions to Calcasieu Parish, the House of Representatives, and the state of Louisiana, particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member and speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, Chuck Kleckley is a notable public servant who has served with excellence since taking office in 2005, during which time he has fully used every opportunity to serve the citizens of his district and the state in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, he is a graduate of McNeese State University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in finance; and

WHEREAS, since January 9, 2012, Chuck Kleckley has served with great distinction as the sixty-seventh Speaker of the House, having made history as the second Republican to hold this position since Reconstruction and the first state lawmaker from Calcasieu Parish to serve as speaker; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Kleckley's strength of purpose in striving to ensure an effective legislature has been consistently demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the House of Representatives, Speaker Kleckley has worked on and supported many important pieces of legislation and has played a key role in the House's work on numerous state issues, including but not limited to improvements and reforms in the state's elementary and secondary education systems; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Kleckley's diligent committee service previously included serving as chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, and he served as a member of the House Committee on Retirement and the House Committee on Commerce; and

WHEREAS, in his final term in the Louisiana House of Representatives, Speaker Kleckley has served on the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, the Legislative Budgetary Control Council, the State Bond Commission, and as an ex officio member of the House Executive Committee, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, and all other House committees; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Kleckley has been a proud member of the Acadiana Delegation, the Louisiana Republican Legislative Delegation, and the Louisiana Rural Caucus; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the state as a whole have benefitted tremendously from the leadership of Speaker Kleckley; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Kleckley has proven to be a vital asset to the state of Louisiana, and those who have worked with him have appreciated his passion and determination as the holder of the speaker's gavel; and

WHEREAS, as he prepares to embark on the next exciting and productive chapter of his life, Speaker Kleckley merits a sincere measure of commendation for his singular contributions and the exemplary strides he has taken as an exceptional member and speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Charles E. "Chuck" Kleckley; does hereby extend honor and recognition to him for his outstanding accomplishments, particularly during his tenure as a member and speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, which has been marked by his uncompromising endeavors to improve the

welfare of his constituents in Calcasieu Parish and the citizens of the state of Louisiana; and does hereby pay tribute to him for the generous and effective way in which he has dedicated his intelligence and his energy to the service of his family, friends, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana House of Representatives hereby expresses enduring gratitude to Speaker Kleckley for his service to the citizens of Louisiana, as evidenced by his superlative achievements as a member and speaker of this distinguished body, and hereby extends to him the best wishes of all his colleagues for continued prosperity and success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Charles E. "Chuck" Kleckley.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES