

1 WHEREAS, the judiciary would also benefit from the results of current social
2 science research regarding the effects of divorce and changes in the family structure on
3 children and their parents; and

4 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana desires that all members of the judiciary,
5 not just the family and juvenile court judges, be apprised of the current status of all
6 Louisiana laws, particularly those affecting the children of our state.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that the Louisiana
8 Supreme Court is urged and requested to fully develop a mandatory continuing legal
9 education curriculum to ensure that the entire judiciary of this state is apprised of the current
10 status of Louisiana law regarding family law subjects, including child custody and the child
11 support guidelines, as well as the body of social science research that exists regarding these
12 matters.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court and to the executive director and the
15 chairpersons of the board of governors of the Louisiana Judicial College.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Supreme Court submit its report
17 to the Legislature of Louisiana, including the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure
18 and the Senate Committee on Judiciary A at least thirty days prior to the beginning of the
19 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana about the education programs on
20 family law held since July 1, 2011, and those scheduled for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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Urges and requests the La. Supreme Court to institute mandatory continuing legal education for judges on family law.