

1 Katrina and Hurricane Rita; he provided strength, dignity, and determination throughout the
2 unprecedented recovery process and helped the citizens of Louisiana to endeavor to rebuild
3 the state; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Salter has been the deserving recipient of numerous honors and
5 awards including the Champion of Senior Citizen Issues in Louisiana Special Award from
6 the Louisiana Council on Aging, the Fleur de Lis Health Care Leadership Award, the
7 Guardian of Small Business Award, and the Louisiana Public Broadcasting President's
8 Award; he is a three-time Legislative Golden Apple Award winner, and he has been twice
9 honored by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers with the Representative of the Year Award;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Salter is affiliated with a number of professional, civic, and
12 business organizations including the National Conference of State Legislatures and its
13 education committee; the advisory council of the Southern Regional Education Board; the
14 Education Commission of the States; the board of directors of the Louisiana School for
15 Math, Science, and the Arts; the advisory board of Northwestern State University at Fort
16 Polk in Leesville; the Coushatta-Red River and Sabine Parish Chambers of Commerce; the
17 Florien Lions Club; the Many Rotary Club; Phi Kappa Phi; the Blue Key Honor Fraternity;
18 Phi Delta Kappa; the Toledo Bend Citizens Advisory Committee; and the Toledo Bend Lake
19 Association; and

20 WHEREAS, after the end of his House service, Mr. Salter continued his state public
21 service as the director of governmental relations for the state Department of Education; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Salter's wife, Bettye, and their children and grandchildren celebrate
23 with him as he enters the next chapter of their lives together; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Francis Thompson paid tribute to Mr. Salter on his
25 election as Speaker: "I don't believe I have met anyone with more integrity, honesty, loyalty,
26 and ability to get along with people than Joe Salter"; and

27 WHEREAS, Joe most recently served as the first assistant to the Louisiana Secretary
28 of State; for nearly four decades, he has committed his unique blend of intelligence,
29 compassion, and dauntless courage to the service of the state, and he is most deserving of
30 the highest recognition for his work.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 commend Joe R. Salter on the occasion of his retirement from public service and does
3 hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors as he
4 begins a new journey in retirement.

DIGEST

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