BY SENATORS PETERSON, ALARIO AND WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson for over twenty-four years of dedicated public service representing the city of New Orleans as a district councilmember, state representative, and councilmember-at-large.

WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson has served the citizens of New Orleans first as the District "C" Councilmember, then as state representative of District 102, and also as councilmember-at-large as both president and vice president; and

WHEREAS, she was elected to serve as the District "C" councilmember in 1990 and 2002; and

WHEREAS, Jackie was a Louisiana legislator, representing District 102 in the House of Representatives from 1994-2002 and as a state representative, she was recognized for her leadership, championing landmark legislation that focused on women's health and safety, ethics and government reform, fiscal reform, education, child protection, law enforcement, and neighborhood preservation; and

WHEREAS, as a councilmember, she is focused on public safety, quality of life, historic preservation, economic development and has worked on major changes in the city's charter to include the Inspector General and Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson was elected councilmember-at-large in a special election in November 2007 and reelected councilmember-at-large in February 2010; and

WHEREAS, she helped lead the creation of Federal City to retain vital military installations in New Orleans and redeveloped the Fischer Project into a neighborhood, one of the first in the country; and

WHEREAS, Jackie, a licensed realtor/broker, has been a businesswoman for over forty-three years, has run two major companies and was president of the Louisiana Realtors Association; and

WHEREAS, Jackie and her husband, Arthur "Buzz" Clarkson, are natives of New Orleans and have raised five daughters and have ten grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of extraordinary women of great character and dedication like Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends and congratulates Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson for over twenty-four years of dedicated public service representing the city of New Orleans as a state representative, district councilmember and councilmember-at-large.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE