

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 143

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends J. Ruth Kennedy upon her retirement after thirty-seven years of service at the Louisiana Department of Health

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend J. Ruth Kennedy on the occasion of her retirement from the Louisiana
3 Department of Health and to commend her for thirty-seven years of service to the
4 citizens of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Kennedy graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Kennedy attained invaluable work experience at the Louisiana
7 Department of Health while working in a field eligibility office for Medicaid; and

8 WHEREAS, she served with great distinction and effectiveness as deputy director
9 for Medicaid, director for Children's Health Insurance Program, manager for Bayou Health
10 Project, and director for Medicaid; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1998, Ms. Kennedy was responsible for the implementation and
12 oversight of the outreach, enrollment, retention, eligibility, and organizational change efforts
13 that resulted in the state's reduction in the percentage of uninsured children; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Kennedy also directed the design, development, and execution of
15 Bayou Health, a Medicaid-managed care initiative, and throughout her work with this
16 initiative, she reviewed Medicaid-managed care programs in numerous states and worked
17 with staff to develop a model best-suited for Louisiana; and

18 WHEREAS, with the expansion of Medicaid eligibility for the state, Ms. Kennedy
19 worked diligently to enroll thousands of citizens, and her innovative processes for Medicaid
20 enrollment have been nationally recognized; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Kennedy has been honored with many awards, including the
2 Charles E. Dunbar, Jr., Career Service Award and the Jimmie Davis Sunshine Award; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Kennedy will always remain an inspiration to her fellow citizens
4 for the vital contributions she has made throughout her thirty-seven years of effective service
5 with the Louisiana Department of Health.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend J. Ruth Kennedy upon her retirement from
8 the Louisiana Department of Health; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her
9 extraordinary contributions to the state; and does hereby extend to Ms. Kennedy best wishes
10 for success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
12 to J. Ruth Kennedy.

DIGEST

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