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COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Honorable Francis C. Thompson on his status as the longest-serving member of the Legislature of Louisiana

A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Honorable Francis C. Thompson on his status as the longest-serving 3 member of the Legislature of Louisiana. 4 WHEREAS, the Honorable Francis C. Thompson was born in Delhi, Louisiana, on 5 October 29, 1941; he graduated from Delhi High School in 1959 and earned bachelor and 6 master of science degrees from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana; he then 7 enrolled at the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) where he completed a master's 8 degree in education and a doctorate in secondary education; and 9 WHEREAS, prior to joining the legislature, Rep. Thompson worked as a classroom teacher, vice president of Delhi Manufacturing Corporation, owner of Richland Auto Supply, 10 11 and assistant professor of education at ULM; he served as an elected member of the Richland Parish School Board and worked in Baton Rouge as a drug education coordinator 12 13 for the Louisiana Department of Education under Superintendent Louis J. Michot; and

1	WHEREAS, Rep. Thompson joined the Legislature of Louisiana after winning a
2	special election to fill a vacated House seat in 1975; later that same year, he won a full term
3	in the seat, which eventually became the single-member District No. 19; and
4	WHEREAS, Rep. Thompson represented District No. 19 in the Louisiana House of
5	Representatives with honor from 1975 until 2008; during this time, he served as chairman
6	of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, the
7	House Special Committee on Homeland Security, and the Legislative Audit Advisory
8	Council; he also served, most notably, as a member of the House Committee on
9	Appropriations, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, and the Joint Legislative
10	Committee on the Budget; and
11	WHEREAS, after thirty-three years serving House District No. 19, Rep. Thompson
12	won election to the Louisiana Senate representing District No. 34; he served as a state
13	senator from 2008 until 2020, garnering committee assignments including chairman of the
14	Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, and as
15	a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International
16	Affairs, the Senate Committee on Finance, the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial
17	Relations, the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security, and the Joint Legislative
18	Committee on the Budget; and
19	WHEREAS, Rep. Thompson rejoined the House of Representatives representing
20	District No. 19 in 2020; he currently serves as vice chair of the House Committee on
21	Appropriations, and he served as vice chair of the House Committee on Agriculture,
22	Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development from 2020 until November 2021; he
23	continues to serve as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry,
24	Aquaculture, and Rural Development; and
25	WHEREAS, Representative Francis C. Thompson has dedicated forty-eight years
26	of sincere and honest service to his constituents in the parishes of Concordia, East Carroll,
27	Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, and West Carroll and to the citizens of
28	the state of Louisiana as a state legislator; he is the truest representation of a public servant,
29	and he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his unprecedented tenure as a
30	member of the Legislature of Louisiana.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Francis C. Thompson on his 3 status as the longest-serving member of the Legislature of Louisiana and does hereby further 4 recognize Representative Thompson for serving our state with dignity, pride, honesty, and 5 respect throughout his legislative tenure. 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature 7 of Louisiana does hereby express enduring gratitude to Representative Thompson for his 8 service to the citizens of Louisiana, as evidenced by his superlative achievements as a 9 member of the Legislature of Louisiana; does hereby pay tribute to him for the effective way 10 in which he has dedicated his intelligence and his energy to the service of his family, friends, 11 and state; and does hereby extend to him the best wishes of all his colleagues as he continues 12 to serve with honor as a distinguished member of this esteemed body.

DIGEST

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Commends Francis C. Thompson on his status as the longest-tenured member of the legislature.