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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Etta Jane Harris for her contributions to the state of Louisiana on the occasion of her retirement as deputy undersecretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor Etta Jane Harris for her service as deputy undersecretary of the Department of Children and Family Services and to commend her on the occasion of her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Etta Jane Harris was born on April 10, 1961, and is one of three children born to James and Marie Harris; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris began her state employment journey at the age of nineteen, and she has served the state with dedication and advocated for the well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris has served with distinction for more than forty-four years; her advocacy efforts have been focused on single-family housing, access to public services, Louisiana children served by the division of child welfare, disabled individuals, and the hungry and needy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris received a bachelor of science degree in business management and a master's degree in public administration with a concentration in budget and finance from Southern University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris served as a state budget manager for the commissioner of administration under numerous governors and worked to support education, juvenile justice, social services, coordinated system care services, and other aspects of state administration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris served as undersecretary during Governor Bobby Jindal's administration; in this role, she testified before legislators, judges, advocacy groups, and conferences; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris has been blessed with two sons, McArthur and Micah Whitmore; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harris has served this state with professionalism, dignity, and style; she is well respected and mentors others to be successful, and her sense of humor, kindness, energy, and graciousness have enriched those fortunate enough to know and work with her; and

WHEREAS, Etta Jane Harris has been a dedicated public servant since 1979 and retires as deputy undersecretary of the Department of Children and Family Services; she is truly most deserving of the highest recognition for her meritorious career.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Etta Jane Harris on the occasion of her retirement as deputy undersecretary of the Department of Children and Family Services; does hereby express enduring appreciation for her contributions to the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that she remain prosperous in her endeavors as she enters a new stage of life in retirement.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES