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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 99

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Mr. William E. "Bill" Crawford on his retirement from the Louisiana State Law Institute

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend Mr. William E. "Bill" Crawford on his retirement from the Louisiana State
3	Law Institute.
4	WHEREAS, after four decades of distinguished service as director of the Louisiana
5	State Law Institute (LSLI), Mr. William E. Crawford retired in September 2018; Bill
6	Crawford is widely recognized as one of the best and brightest lawyers in the state of
7	Louisiana; his knowledge of civil procedure in Louisiana and his teaching skills are
8	unparalleled; and
9	WHEREAS, the LSLI is charged with promoting and encouraging the clarification
10	and simplification of the law of Louisiana and its better adaptation to present social needs,
11	securing the better administration of justice, and carrying on scholarly legal research and
12	scientific legal work; and
13	WHEREAS, after graduating from Louisiana State University law school in 1955,
14	where he was editor-in-chief of the Louisiana Law Review, Bill Crawford joined the Chaffe
15	McCall law firm in New Orleans; he served as secretary-treasurer of the Louisiana State Bar
16	Association for two terms, from 1960 to 1962; and
17	WHEREAS, he became a faculty member of the Louisiana State University Paul M.
18	Hebert Law Center in 1965; he became assistant dean of the law center in 1966, and
19	Professor in 1971; in 1985 Mr. Crawford was awarded the James J. Bailey Professorship in
20	Law and in 2003 the Louisiana Bar Foundation named him Distinguished Professor; and

1	WHEREAS, his publications include every special edition of the Louisiana Code of
2	Civil Procedure from 1983 to 2019, the revision of the three-volume Formulary as part of
3	West's Louisiana Statutes Annotated Civil Procedure, Volumes 10, 11, and 12; and Volume
4	12, Louisiana Civil Law Treatise, Tort Law, in 2000; and
5	WHEREAS, Bill Crawford has also served as Special Master to the U.S. District
6	Court in Bankruptcy Litigation; and
7	WHEREAS, the LSLI flourished and excelled under the direction of Professor
8	Crawford, who oversaw and directed the work of the institute in its revision of the Civil
9	Code, the Revised Statutes, the Code of Civil Procedure, the Code of Criminal Procedure,
10	and the Children's Code, the introduction and adoption of the Louisiana Code of Evidence,
11	and other special projects as assigned by the Legislature of Louisiana; and
12	WHEREAS, one of the state's most gifted legal scholars, William E. "Bill" Crawford
13	will remain an inspiration to his students, peers, family, and friends for the vital
14	contributions he has made in his distinguished career of highly effective service.
15	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16	commend Mr. William E. "Bill" Crawford on his retirement from the Louisiana State Law
17	Institute; does hereby recognize and record his notable accomplishments and manifold
18	contributions to the Louisiana State Law Institute, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, and to
19	his students, colleagues, family, and friends; and does hereby extend to him best wishes for
20	continued success and happiness as he embarks upon new challenges and endeavors.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
22	to Bill Crawford.

DIGEST

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