

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 154

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State Representatives Kay Katz, Hollis Downs and Richard "Rick" Gallot Jr. and House Speaker Jim Tucker for their exemplary service as members of the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, Representative Kay Katz has served the people of House District 16 for three terms with great distinction and dedication, leading efforts to support education and increase pay for teachers; and

WHEREAS, Representative Katz has played a major role in the House leadership as chairwoman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, pushing for reform in government and seeking assistance for the local Monroe business community in the form of tax relief; and

WHEREAS, Representative Katz was the first woman to serve as chairwoman of the Monroe City Council before she successfully sought to represent the people of the 16<sup>th</sup> House District; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hollis Downs first came to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 2002 after winning a special election-primary for the seat to District 12; and

WHEREAS, Representative Downs was successful in getting a new Downtown Economic District and an Economic Development District created in Ruston during his first two full terms; and

WHEREAS, Representative Downs, as the vice-chairman of the House Transportation Committee, has become well known for his numerous introductions of legislation creating funding mechanisms for highway and drainage projects in Ruston; and

WHEREAS, Representative Richard "Rick" Gallot Jr. was first elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in a 2000 special election-primary to fill the vacant seat to District 11; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gallot Jr. sponsored major legislation to offer rehabilitative services for juveniles, a truancy program for his district, and education issues such as increased pay for teachers and funding increases for public schools, colleges, universities and vocational and technical schools; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gallot as Chairman of the House and Governmental Affairs Committee, led the Louisiana House of Representatives 2011 Extraordinary Legislative Session to reapportion the state's elective offices; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jim Tucker came to the Louisiana House of Representatives in a District Election-Primary in 2001 as a staunch supporter of business, industry and economic development and was elected speaker of the House of Representative in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Tucker used his powerful position to lead strong stands against most taxes and efforts to expand gambling, as well as consumer rights and ethics reform; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Tucker has used his vast banking experience to guide his efforts in favor of budgetary accountability in the Louisiana Legislature, and cut spending by state government.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its highest commendations to Representatives Kay Katz, Hollis Downs, Richard "Rick" Gallot Jr. and House Speaker Jim Tucker for their extraordinary service as members of the Louisiana Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Representatives Katz, Downs, and Gallot and Speaker Tucker.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE