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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUDSON, ALARIO, E. ALEXANDER, R. ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, BAUDOIN, BAYLOR, BOWLER, BROOME, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, K. CARTER, R. CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CLARKSON, CRANE, CROWE, CURTIS, DAMICO, DANIEL, DARTEZ, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DIEZ, DOERGE, DONELON, DOWNER, DUPRE, DURAND, ERDEY, FARRAR, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, FRITH, FRUGE, FUTRELL, GLOVER, GREEN, GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HOLDEN, HOPKINS, HUNTER, ILES, M. JACKSON, L. JACKSON, JOHNS, KATZ, KENNARD, KENNEY, LAFLEUR, LANCASTER, LANDRIEU, LEBLANC, LUCAS, MARTINY, MCCALLUM, MCDONALD, MCMAINS, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, ODINET, PERKINS, PIERRE, PINAC, PITRE, POWELL, PRATT, QUEZAIRE, RICHMOND, RIDDLE, ROMERO, SALTER, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SCHWEGMANN, SHAW, GARY SMITH, JACK SMITH, JANE SMITH, JOHN SMITH, SNEED, STELLY, STRAIN, THOMPSON, TOOMY, TOWNSEND, TRAVIS, TRICHE, WADDELL, WALSWORTH, WARNER, WELCH, WILKERSON, WILLARD, WINDHORST, WINSTON, WOOTON, AND WRIGHT

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Honorable Armand J. Brinkhaus for his twenty years of distinguished service as a member of the Louisiana Senate and his eight years of distinguished service as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives and to express appreciation for his accomplishments and contributions to the people of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus was born on November 7, 1935, in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, graduated from Sunset High School, attended Springhill College, earned a baccalaureate degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, and earned a juris doctorate degree from Loyola University; and

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus is married to gourmet jelly chef Margaret Bellemin Brinkhaus and together they have seven children; and

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus has earned his living as an attorney, manages two family farms, and enjoys reading historical novels, spending time with his family, and playing the piano, saxophone, and clarinet; and

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus was first elected to serve in the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1968 and was then elected to serve in the Louisiana Senate in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus was a distinguished legislator who faithfully served the public for twenty-eight years with great dedication to the interests and needs of the people of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in office, Armand J. Brinkhaus served with distinction as chairman of both the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate Education Committee, and also served as a member of other legislative committees including the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Higher Education Committee, the Senate Judiciary C Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the House Judiciary D Committee, the House and Governmental Affairs Committee, and the Legislative Budgetary Control Council; and

WHEREAS, among his numerous accomplishments, Armand J. Brinkhaus displayed that his concern for the state's education system was his highest priority by supporting legislation to increase the salaries of teachers, bus drivers, and all school support personnel, to increase operation expenses for school bus drivers, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment for the teacher's retirement system, and to require that school buses meet certain safety specifications; and

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus supported legislation that provided special protection for school teachers from acts of violence by creating the

crime of assault of a school teacher with an enhanced penalty and was instrumental in creating a program to provide low interest loans for the purchase of school buses; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his efforts to improve the state's education system, Armand J. Brinkhaus was awarded the Louisiana Association of Educators' top award, the Louisiana Association of Educators' President's Special Recognition Award, for leading an effort to overturn a controversial teacher evaluation program by proposing legislation to take away the responsibility for teacher oversight from the state Department of Education and give it to local school boards to provide a fair, equitable, and objective teacher evaluation procedure; and

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus authored legislation that improved local road and drainage systems and created the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District, the Acadiana Railroad Development District, the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission, the Washington Museum and Tourist Commission, and the South St. Landry Parish Community Library District; and

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus was selected as legislator of the month by the Louisiana Municipal Association in June of 1988, for advocating the state's responsibility to meet the needs of local government and again in October of 1991, for his instrumental role in enacting legislation that authorized municipalities to invest public funds at higher interest rates and maximize investment returns; and

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus demonstrated his respect for the integrity of the institution of the Louisiana Legislature by supporting legislation to prohibit the distribution of contributions to legislators within the State Capitol Complex, the governor's mansion, and any state office building, to require disclosure of certain expenditures by persons who lobby the

legislature, and to require disclosure of receipt of gifts of transportation, lodging, food, or entertainment by legislators; and

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus expressed his support for the judicial system by authoring legislation to increase the salaries of all appellate, district, family, juvenile, parish, city, traffic, and municipal court judges and by authoring legislation that created the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Criminal Justice Commission; and

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus helped to protect consumers from abuse by supporting legislation that prohibits insurers from requiring that motor vehicle repairs be made at a particular repair shop as a condition of a claim; and

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus repeatedly displayed his determination and commitment to protect the rights of the common man during his fervent debate; and

WHEREAS, Armand J. Brinkhaus appreciates the values of hard work, public service, and generosity and has earned respect for his honesty, integrity, his determined dedication to achieving his goals, and as a man devoted to his family and the people of this state; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Armand J. Brinkhaus and his service and dedication to his constituents and the people of the state of Louisiana will be long remembered in the Louisiana Legislature.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Honorable Armand J. Brinkhaus for his twenty-eight years of distinguished service as a member of the Legislature of Louisiana and does hereby express its appreciation for his accomplishments and contributions to the people of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend to Armand J. Brinkhaus, to his wife Margaret, and to the entire Brinkhaus family its very best wishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Armand J. Brinkhaus.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES