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EIGHTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Thirty-Sixth Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

The Senate was called to order at 5:00 o'clock P.M., by Hon. Joel T. Chaisson II, President of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

PRESENT

Mr. President	Erdey	Morrish
Adley	Gautreaux B	Mount
Alario	Gautreaux N	Murray
Amedee	Gray	Nevers
Broome	Hebert	Quinn
Cassidy	Jackson	Riser
Cheek	Kostelka	Scalise
Donahue	LaFleur	Shaw
Dorsey	Long	Smith
Duplessis	Marionneau	Thompson
Dupre	Michot	Walsworth
Total - 33		

ABSENT

Cravins	Heitmeier	McPherson
Crowe	Martiny	Shepherd
Total - 6		

The President of the Senate announced there were 33 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Pastor Bubba McCann, following which the Senate joined in pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Senator Broome, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of February 18, 2008, was adopted.

Morning Hour

**Privilege Report of the
Legislative Bureau**

February 19, 2008

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Legislative Bureau to submit the following report:

The following bills are approved as to construction and duplication.

HOUSE BILL NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, GALLOT, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKEY GUILLORY, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HINES, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, HUTTER, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, LABRUZZO, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LORUSSO, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOUCET, MORRELL, MORRIS, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, AND WILLMOTT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1170(A) and (E), relative to ethics education and training; to provide for the duties of the Board of Ethics relative to such education and training; to provide for the education and training required of public servants; to provide for the education and training required of registered lobbyists; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 7—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, GALLOT, BILLIOT, TIM BURNS, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, DOERGE, DOVE, HENRY, HINES, LABRUZZO, LIGI, NOWLIN, PEARSON, RICHARD, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, TALBOT, AND WILLIAMS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1125(A), relative to gubernatorial transition and inauguration; to provide contribution limits; to provide relative to contribution reports; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, GALLOT, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BALDONE, BARRAS, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, FANNIN, FRANKLIN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKEY GUILLORY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENRY, HINES, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, HUTTER, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, LABRUZZO, LAMBERT, LEGER, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MORRELL, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1169, relative to public employees who report acts of impropriety within governmental entities; to prohibit threats of reprisal against employees for disclosing such information; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 29—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, GALLOT, BALDONE, BILLIOT, TIM BURNS, DOERGE, DOVE, HENRY, HINES, LABRUZZO, LIGI, NOWLIN, PEARSON, RICHARD, SCHRODER, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, AND WILLIAMS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1132(B)(1)(a) and (4) and to enact R.S. 42:1132(B)(5), relative to the Board of Ethics; to provide for qualifications for selection and service on the Board of Ethics; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 56—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCKER, PETERSON, GALLOT, BALDONE, BILLIOT, TIM BURNS, DOERGE, DOVE, HENRY, HINES, LABRUZZO, LIGI, NOWLIN, PEARSON, RICHARD, SCHRODER, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, AND WILLIAMS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(31) and to enact R.S. 36:4(I) and Part VI of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:220.21 through 220.25, relative to the creation of the office of the state inspector general; to provide for the appointment, term of office, removal, powers, duties, and functions of the inspector general; to provide for the procedure for the appointment of the inspector general; to provide for staffing and funding of the office; to provide for

the assistance and cooperation of entities in the executive branch of state government and other covered entities; to provide for the confidentiality of certain records; to provide for referral of the results of investigations of criminal matters to the appropriate authorities for prosecution; to provide for reports by the inspector general; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
ROB MARIONNEAUX
Chairman

Adoption of Legislative Bureau Report

On motion of Senator Marionneaux, the Bills and Joint Resolutions were read by title and passed to a third reading.

Introduction of Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions

Senator Broome asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions a first and second time and referring them to committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 73—
BY SENATOR WALSWORTH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:5, relative to public records; to provide for the application of the laws relative to public records to the office of the governor; to provide that exemption from such laws applies solely to the executive office of the governor; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Broome, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

Introduction of Resolutions, Senate and Concurrent

Senator Broome asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing and reading the following Resolutions, Senate and Concurrent, a first and second time and acting upon them as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10—
BY SENATOR B. GAUTREAUX
A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program for the importance of its work in protecting the distinctive ecological character of our state.

On motion of Senator B. Gautreaux, the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11—
BY SENATOR B. GAUTREAUX
A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Rodney Emmer for his significant and valued contribution to ensuring a prosperous and sustainable future for Louisiana's coast, its southern parishes, and coastal communities.

On motion of Senator B. Gautreaux, the resolution was read by title and adopted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—
BY SENATOR DUPRE AND REPRESENTATIVE DOVE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to extend the expiration deadline of the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Dupre moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Erdey	Morrish
Adley	Gautreaux B	Mount
Alario	Gautreaux N	Murray
Amedee	Gray	Nevers
Broome	Hebert	Quinn
Cassidy	Jackson	Riser
Cheek	Kostelka	Scalise
Donahue	LaFleur	Shaw
Dorsey	Long	Smith
Duplessis	Marionneaux	Thompson
Dupre	Michot	Walsworth
Total - 33		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cravins	Heitmeier	McPherson
Crowe	Martiny	Shepherd
Total - 6		

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—
BY SENATOR DUPRE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express support for the Coastal Restoration and Enhancement Through Science and Technology program for its important work in ensuring sustainable and productive coastal habitats and communities.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Dupre moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Erdey	Morrish
Adley	Gautreaux B	Mount
Alario	Gautreaux N	Murray
Amedee	Gray	Nevers
Broome	Hebert	Quinn
Cassidy	Jackson	Riser
Cheek	Kostelka	Scalise
Donahue	LaFleur	Shaw
Dorsey	Long	Smith
Duplessis	Marionneaux	Thompson
Dupre	Michot	Walsworth
Total - 33		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cravins	Heitmeier	McPherson
Crowe	Martiny	Shepherd
Total - 6		

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—
 BY SENATORS THOMPSON AND LONG
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Claude Hamilton "Grits" Gresham, Jr., and to recognize his distinguished career as a noted Louisiana outdoor legend, author, and TV personality.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Thompson moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Erdey	Murray
Adley	Gautreaux B	Nevers
Alario	Gautreaux N	Quinn
Amedee	Gray	Riser
Broome	Hebert	Scalise
Cassidy	Jackson	Shaw
Cheek	LaFleur	Smith
Donahue	Long	Thompson
Dorsey	Marionneaux	Walsworth
Duplessis	Michot	
Dupre	Morrish	
Total - 31		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cravins	Kostelka	Mount
Crowe	Martiny	Shepherd
Heitmeier	McPherson	
Total - 8		

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—
 BY SENATOR JACKSON
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the secretary of state to disseminate the contents of legislation enacted at the 2008 First Extraordinary Session to all elected officials, state board and commission members, and state agency heads in the most efficient and effective ways possible and to encourage such public servants to further disseminate such information to all other affected public servants.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Jackson moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Erdey	Murray
Adley	Gautreaux B	Nevers
Alario	Gautreaux N	Quinn
Amedee	Gray	Riser
Broome	Hebert	Scalise
Cassidy	Jackson	Shaw
Cheek	LaFleur	Smith
Donahue	Long	Thompson
Dorsey	Marionneaux	Walsworth
Duplessis	Michot	
Dupre	Morrish	
Total - 31		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cravins	Kostelka	Mount
Crowe	Martiny	Shepherd
Heitmeier	McPherson	
Total - 8		

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions were read and acted upon as follows:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—
 BY SENATOR HEBERT AND REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to deny all requests for permits to expand Gordon Doerle Landfill near the Acadian Regional Airport in Iberia Parish.

On motion of Senator Hebert, the resolution was read by title and referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality.

Senator Broome in the Chair

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage were taken up and acted upon as follows:

SENATE BILL NO. 37—
 BY SENATORS CHAISSON, AMEDEE, BROOME, CHEEK, DONAHUE, DUPLESSIS, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, MICHOT, SMITH AND WALSWORTH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:6(C), relative to the duties of the commissioner of administration; to require the commissioner of administration to establish and maintain a website to post reports of state spending; to provide for the contents of the website; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments Sent Up

Senator LaFleur sent up floor amendments which were read.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator LaFleur to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 37 by Senator Chaisson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 11, after "spending." and before "The reports" insert "The database shall be platform agnostic or neutral and accessible using all standard internet web browser applications without the need or requirement of any proprietary software applications."

On motion of Senator LaFleur, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments Sent Up

Senator Hebert sent up floor amendments which were read.

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SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Hebert to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 37 by Senator Chaisson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 line 14 after "officials" insert a comma and delete "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 line 15 after "government," insert "and at least all those serving in the executive branch whose salaries exceed fifty thousand dollars and all travel expenses incurred by such public servants."

Senator N. Gautreaux moved to table the amendment.

Senator Hebert objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Erdey Murray
Adley Gautreaux B Nevers
Alario Gautreaux N Quinn
Broome Jackson Riser
Cassidy Kostelka Shaw
Cheek LaFleur Smith
Donahue Long Thompson
Dorsey Michot Walsworth
Duplessis Morrish
Dupre Mount
Total - 28

NAYS

Amedee Marionneaux
Hebert Scalise
Total - 4

ABSENT

Cravins Heitmeier Shepherd
Crowe Martiny
Gray McPherson
Total - 7

The Chair declared the amendment was tabled.

The bill was read by title. Senator Chaisson moved the final passage of the amended bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Erdey Mount
Adley Gautreaux B Murray
Alario Gautreaux N Nevers
Amedee Gray Quinn
Broome Hebert Riser
Cassidy Kostelka Scalise
Cheek LaFleur Shaw
Donahue Long Smith
Dorsey Marionneaux Thompson
Duplessis Michot Walsworth
Dupre Morrish
Total - 32

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cravins Jackson Shepherd
Crowe Martiny
Heitmeier McPherson
Total - 7

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed. The title was read and adopted. Senator Chaisson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

Rules Suspended

Senator Long asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules for the purpose of reverting to the Morning Hour.

Messages from the House

The following Messages from the House were received and read as follows:

Message from the House

CONCURRING IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

February 19, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally concurred in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9— BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Justin P. Lowery upon his success as a secondary bronze medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10— BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Erica Barmes upon her success as a secondary bronze medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11— BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Brandy Beaubouef upon her success as a postsecondary silver medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12— BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Michelle Dopp-Porter upon her success as a postsecondary silver medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Ronnie Young upon his success as a postsecondary bronze medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Kim Troutman upon her success as a postsecondary bronze medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Deanne Passman upon her success as a postsecondary gold medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Michael Marcel upon his success as a postsecondary silver medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Parker Stough upon his success as a secondary bronze medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

Reported without amendments.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—
 BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE HONEY
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Jeff Morris upon his success as a postsecondary gold medalist while competing in the 2007 National SkillsUSA Championship.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
 ALFRED W. SPEER

Clerk of the House of Representatives

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
 HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

February 19, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HOUSE BILL NO. 91—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1134(B)(2), relative to the board of ethics; to provide for an executive counsel to the board; to

provide for the duties of the board administrator; to provide term limits for both the board administrator and executive counsel; and to provide for related matters.

Respectfully submitted,
 ALFRED W. SPEER
 Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Bills and Joint Resolutions

Senator Broome asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions just received from the House which were taken up, read a first and second time by their titles and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 91—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRELL
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1134(B)(2), relative to the board of ethics; to provide for an executive counsel to the board; to provide for the duties of the board administrator; to provide term limits for both the board administrator and executive counsel; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Broome, the bill was read by title and referred to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

Messages from the House

The following Messages from the House were received and read as follows:

Mr. President in the Chair

Message from the House

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

February 19, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFONTA, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BARROW, BURRELL, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, ELBERT GUILLORY, HARDY, HONEY, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, MARCHAND, MORRELL, NORTON, PETERSON, RICHMOND, PATRICIA SMITH, AND WILLIAMS AND SENATORS BROOME, CRAVINS, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, GRAY, JACKSON, MURRAY, AND SHEPHERD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend former state senator Charles D. Jones upon being named the 2008 Humanitarian of the Year by the Monroe Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—

BY REPRESENTATIVE NOWLIN AND SENATOR LONG
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Claude Hamilton "Grits" Gresham, Jr., of Natchitoches.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVES RICHMOND, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BARROW, BURRELL, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, ELBERT GUILLORY, HARDY, HONEY, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, LAFONTA, MARCHAND, MORRELL, NORTON, PETERSON, PATRICIA SMITH, AND WILLIAMS AND SENATORS BROOME, CRAVINS, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, GRAY, JACKSON, MURRAY, AND SHEPHERD

February 19, 2008

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend the George and Leah McKenna Museum of African American Art in New Orleans upon its grand reopening celebration on February 22 and 23, 2008.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HONEY, PATRICIA SMITH, BARROW, AND MICHAEL JACKSON AND SENATORS BROOME AND DORSEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Shannon Veal of Baton Rouge.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—
BY REPRESENTATIVE HUTTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend Chancellor Alex Johnson upon his retirement from Delgado Community College and to recognize and record his myriad accomplishments and remarkable contributions to the educational community.

Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Concurrent Resolutions

Senator Broome asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up at this time the following House Concurrent Resolutions just received from the House which were taken up, read a first and second time by their titles and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—
BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFONTA, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BARROW, BURRELL, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, ELBERT GUILLORY, HARDY, HONEY, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, MARCHAND, MORRELL, NORTON, PETERSON, RICHMOND, PATRICIA SMITH, AND WILLIAMS AND SENATORS BROOME, CRAVINS, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, GRAY, JACKSON, MURRAY, AND SHEPHERD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend former state senator Charles D. Jones upon being named the 2008 Humanitarian of the Year by the Monroe Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Walsworth moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Gautreaux B	Mount
Alario	Gautreaux N	Murray
Amedee	Gray	Nevers
Broome	Hebert	Quinn
Cassidy	Jackson	Scalise
Cheek	Kostelka	Shaw
Donahue	LaFleur	Smith
Dorsey	Long	Thompson
Duplessis	Marionneaux	Walsworth
Dupre	Michot	
Erdey	Morrish	
Total - 31		

NAYS

Riser
Total - 1

ABSENT

Adley	Heitmeier	Shepherd
Cravins	Martiny	
Crowe	McPherson	
Total - 7		

The Chair declared the Senate had concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18—
BY REPRESENTATIVE NOWLIN AND SENATOR LONG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Claude Hamilton "Grits" Gresham, Jr., of Natchitoches.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Long moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Gautreaux B	Mount
Alario	Gray	Murray
Amedee	Hebert	Nevers
Broome	Jackson	Quinn
Cassidy	Kostelka	Riser
Cheek	LaFleur	Scalise
Dorsey	Long	Shaw
Duplessis	Marionneaux	Smith
Dupre	Michot	Thompson
Erdey	Morrish	Walsworth
Total - 30		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Adley	Donahue	Martiny
Cravins	Gautreaux N	McPherson
Crowe	Heitmeier	Shepherd
Total - 9		

The Chair declared the Senate had concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVES RICHMOND, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BARROW, BURRELL, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, ELBERT GUILLORY, HARDY, HONEY, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, LAFONTA, MARCHAND, MORRELL, NORTON, PETERSON, PATRICIA SMITH, AND WILLIAMS AND SENATORS BROOME, CRAVINS, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, GRAY, JACKSON, MURRAY, AND SHEPHERD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To commend the George and Leah McKenna Museum of African American Art in New Orleans upon its grand reopening celebration on February 22 and 23, 2008.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Murray moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Gautreaux B	Murray
Alario	Gray	Nevers
Amedee	Hebert	Quinn
Broome	Jackson	Riser
Cassidy	Kostelka	Scalise
Cheek	LaFleur	Shaw
Dorsey	Long	Smith
Duplessis	Michot	Thompson
Dupre	Morrish	Walsworth
Erdey	Mount	
Total - 29		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Adley	Gautreaux N	McPherson
Cravins	Heitmeier	Shepherd
Crowe	Marionneaux	
Donahue	Martiny	
Total - 10		

The Chair declared the Senate had concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES HONEY, PATRICIA SMITH, BARROW,
 AND MICHAEL JACKSON AND SENATORS BROOME AND
 DORSEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Shannon Veal of Baton Rouge.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Broome moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Gautreaux B	Mount
Alario	Gautreaux N	Murray
Amedee	Gray	Nevers
Broome	Hebert	Quinn
Cassidy	Jackson	Riser
Cheek	Kostelka	Scalise
Donahue	LaFleur	Shaw
Dorsey	Long	Smith
Duplessis	Marionneaux	Thompson
Dupre	Michot	Walsworth
Erdey	Morrish	
Total - 32		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Adley	Heitmeier	Shepherd
Cravins	Martiny	
Crowe	McPherson	
Total - 7		

The Chair declared the Senate had concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE HUTTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Chancellor Alex Johnson upon his retirement from Delgado Community College and to recognize and record his myriad accomplishments and remarkable contributions to the educational community.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Scalise moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Erdey	Morrish
Adley	Gautreaux B	Mount
Alario	Gautreaux N	Murray
Amedee	Gray	Nevers
Broome	Hebert	Quinn
Cassidy	Jackson	Riser
Cheek	Kostelka	Scalise
Donahue	LaFleur	Shaw
Dorsey	Long	Smith
Duplessis	Marionneaux	Thompson
Dupre	Michot	Walsworth
Total - 33		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cravins	Heitmeier	McPherson
Crowe	Martiny	Shepherd
Total - 6		

The Chair declared the Senate had concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

February 19, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE BURFORD AND SENATOR CHEEK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of six-year-old Bryce Norwood of Stanley, Louisiana.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LIGI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Craig Steltz on his outstanding collegiate football career at Louisiana State University and to congratulate him on his remarkable contributions to LSU's victory in the 2007 Bowl Championship Series National Championship game.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—

BY REPRESENTATIVES KATZ AND LORUSSO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the week of March 10, 2008, through March 17, 2008, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY AND SENATORS SCALISE AND WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the secretary of the Department of Revenue to take every possible action within the boundaries of the law to ensure that no additional individual income tax burden is placed on the Louisiana taxpayers as a result of the enactment of the 2008 federal economic stimulus income tax relief legislation and to urge and request the governor to include in any proclamation for a Second Extraordinary Session this year the power to enact legislation to accomplish such purpose, if necessary.

February 19, 2008

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GREENE, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKY GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONEY, HOWARD, HUTTER, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MARCHAND, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONTUCET, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Staff Sergeant Michael John Gabel, United States Army, who was killed in action in Afghanistan.

and asked that the President of the Senate affix his signature to the same.

Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House of Representatives

The House Concurrent Resolutions contained herein were signed by the President of the Senate.

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Cravins	1 Day	Crowe	1 Day
Heitmeier	1 Day	Martiny	1 Day
McPherson	1 Day	Shepherd	1 Day

Adjournment

Senator Broome moved that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned until 3:00 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday, February 20, 2008.

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

LYNDA E. WHEELER
Journal Clerk