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FOX MCKEITHEN RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1983, Fox McKeithen was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives where he served one term before being elected Secretary of State in 1987; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, he was elected to a fifth consecutive term as Secretary of State with 72 percent of the vote; and

WHEREAS, when the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) needed to find a venue for its 2004 Summer Conference in the 11th hour, Fox McKeithen stepped forward and volunteered to take on the challenge; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 NASS conference in New Orleans will always be remembered as a conference for great accomplishments and also great fun; and

WHEREAS, Secretary McKeithen had wide support and many dear friends representing all sides of the political spectrum; and

WHEREAS, Secretary McKeithen served nearly two decades as head of the Secretary of State's Office, not only managing the state's elections, but also overseeing the archiving of state records, registration of business names and trademarks and operation of a dozen museums, including the Old State Capitol, which he was helping renovate and restore at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, the functions of the separate elections department, which included voter registration and the storing of voting machines, were merged into Secretary McKeithen's office in January 2004, combining elections operations for the first time since 1960; and

WHEREAS, as Secretary of State he effectively combined the state's elections divisions into one department; and

WHEREAS, Secretary McKeithen once drove a warehouse truck to get voting machines to the polling places in time for an election in New Orleans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Secretary McKeithen will be remembered by the National Association of Secretaries of State as a Secretary of State who went beyond the duties of the office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NASS will be hard pressed to find another Secretary of State with a knack for telling a story like Secretary McKeithen could; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NASS and its members are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear friend and colleague, Louisiana Secretary of State Fox McKeithen.

Adopted this 24th day of July, 2005
in St. Paul, Minnesota