

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 194

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dr. Vladimir Alexander Appeaning for his accomplishments in postsecondary education and environmental quality.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Dr. Vladimir Alexander Appeaning for his extraordinary
3 accomplishments in public postsecondary education and environmental quality.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Appeaning currently serves as the assistant vice president for policy
5 with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) advancing the
6 workforce and transfer mission of the LCTCS and its six strategic policy goals, namely:
7 Double Graduates to 40,000 Annually by 2020, Double the Annual Earnings of our
8 Graduates to \$1.5 Billion by 2020, Quadruple Student Transfers to Four-Year Universities
9 to 10,000 Annually by 2020, Double the Number of Students Served to 325,000 Annually
10 by 2020, Quadruple Partnerships With Business and Industry to 1,000 Annually by 2020,
11 and Double Foundation Assets to \$50 Million by 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, he was appointed from 2008 through 2015 as the deputy secretary of
13 the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), where he oversaw the
14 statewide operations of LDEQ's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan program,
15 which in collaboration with United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has
16 resulted in surface water quality improvements statewide in Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Appeaning secured federal funds for wastewater infrastructure
18 improvements totaling \$157.5 million in capitalization grants from the USEPA, quintupled

1 the amount of CWSRF infrastructure dollars committed to wastewater improvements
2 statewide from approximately \$100 million in 2008 to approximately \$632.3 million in
3 2015, quintupled the number of CWSRF municipal wastewater improvement projects
4 statewide from 25 projects in 2008 to 138 projects in 2015, and quintupled the number of
5 parishes served by CWSRF infrastructure funds for wastewater improvements from 10
6 parishes in 2008 to 55 parishes in 2015; and

7 WHEREAS, he oversaw statewide operations of LDEQ's Business, Community
8 Outreach and Incentives Division, which encompassed the CWSRF loan program,
9 Regulatory Compliance Assistance for Louisiana Small Businesses and Communities,
10 Enviro-School for Louisiana Businesses and Communities, Environmental Leadership,
11 Non-Point Source Pollution Management, Aquifer and Source Water Protection, and
12 Strategic Planning, Policy Development and Performance; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Appeaning served as the agency's chief legislative liaison and
14 governmental relations officer, where he built, strengthened and expanded upon partnerships
15 with several stakeholder groups that included business and industry, professional and trade
16 associations, community groups and nongovernmental organizations such as the Louisiana
17 Chemical Association, Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, Louisiana Oil and
18 Gas Association, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Louisiana Solid Waste
19 Association, Louisiana Rural Water Association, Louisiana Police Jury Association,
20 Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA), Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana,
21 Council for a Better Louisiana, Louisiana Environmental Action Network, and the public at
22 large; and

23 WHEREAS, he served on multiple statewide boards and commissions that included
24 the Atchafalaya Research and Promotion Board, False River Advisory Council and
25 gubernatorial appointment to the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission; and

26 WHEREAS, as deputy secretary of the LDEQ, Dr. Appeaning was awarded the
27 prestigious Leadership Award for Being a True Friend of the Louisiana Municipal
28 Association and for Your Service to Louisiana's 303 Cities, Towns, and Villages, by the
29 LMA in 2015; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Appeaning was awarded the prestigious President's Award for

1 Distinguished Service and Recognition of Meritorious Service to Municipal Governments
2 in Louisiana and Your Love of Country, by the LMA in 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Appeaning was awarded the prestigious Award for Exemplary
4 Leadership and Service to Louisiana, by his alma mater, Southern University and A&M
5 College, College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, Baton Rouge in 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, in the fall of 2007, he served as an adjunct professor in the prestigious
7 Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs teaching graduate courses in the
8 Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program at Southern University and A&M College;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, from 2006 to 2007, Dr. Appeaning was appointed as the vice president
11 for student affairs and enrollment management by the president of Langston University, the
12 state of Oklahoma's only historically black college and university, where he directly
13 managed the operations of office of admissions and recruitment, office of financial aid and
14 scholarships, office of the registrar, office of retention, counseling center, health services
15 center, office of student development and activities, office of student housing and residential
16 life, Annie Laurie Coleman Heritage Center, and the TRIO Programs which include
17 Education Talent Search, Student Support Services and Upward Bound; and

18 WHEREAS, as vice president and member of the president's cabinet, Dr. Appeaning
19 served as the accreditation chair for the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment
20 Management at Langston University during the 2007 reaffirmation visit by the accreditation
21 team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of
22 Colleges and Schools, Langston University's accreditation was reaffirmed for 10 years
23 through 2017; and

24 WHEREAS, as vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at
25 Langston University, he was recognized by the Oklahoma State Legislature, with a Citation
26 for Exemplary Service and Dedication to Langston University, pursuant to a motion by
27 Langston University alumni Representative Anastasia Pittman, in 2007, the recognition
28 being in direct response to the Langston University's successful reaffirmation of
29 accreditation; and

30 WHEREAS, from 2003 to 2006, Dr. Appeaning served in several career progression

1 appointments at Grambling State University that included tenure-track assistant professor
2 of public administration in the MPA Program, director of community relations, and associate
3 vice president in the office of academic affairs, where he was worked under the provost and
4 vice president for academic affairs on a multitude of academic matters that included
5 teaching, assessment of student learning outcomes, summer school operations, curriculum
6 development, academic budgets, graduate education, research and sponsored programs, the
7 first year experience program, distance learning, as well as serving on multiple
8 university-wide committees that included the Council of Academic Deans, University
9 Planning Council, University Curriculum Committee, Graduate Council, Information
10 Technology Advisory Council, University Registration Committee, University Retention
11 Committee, University Catalog Committee, University Advisement Committee, University
12 Black History Committee; and

13 WHEREAS, as the associate vice president in the office of academic affairs, he was
14 instrumental in the successful reaffirmation of Grambling State University's Southern
15 Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges with the university's next
16 reaffirmation of accreditation scheduled for 2020; and

17 WHEREAS, from 1996 to 2003, Dr. Appeaning served in several career progression
18 appointments at Southern University and A&M College that included research assistant and
19 assistant director of the National Urban Research Center, a federally funded
20 multi-disciplinary collaborative between the United States Department of the Interior (US
21 DOI) and the university, where Dr. Appeaning's work focused on three key areas: faculty
22 research and technical assistance; noncredit workforce training, and student/faculty federal
23 internship placements with research outcomes and deliverables including four federally
24 funded research proposals by the USDOJ in the amount of \$100,000 with semiannual
25 training sessions being conducted that emphasized the mastery of the "hard skills" often
26 equated to job access and mastery of the "soft skills" often equated to job retention; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Appeaning's memberships include Life Member of the Southern
28 University National Alumni Federation, Southern University Home Alumni Chapter,
29 Leadership Louisiana Class of 2015 - Council for a Better Louisiana, Pi Gamma Mu -
30 International Honor Society in Social Sciences, Golden Key National Honors Society

1 Westgate Church in Port Allen, Louisiana; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Appeaning graduated with the highest Latin honors, Summa Cum
3 Laude with a 3.94 cumulative grade point average, being the first in the nation to graduate
4 with a Bachelor of Science in Urban Forestry in 1994 from Southern University and A&M
5 College, where he served as the Chief Student Marshal of the fall 1994 graduating class, then
6 earning three consecutive graduate degrees from the university namely: an MPA in 1996,
7 a Master of Science in Environmental Science in 1999, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Public
8 Policy Analysis in 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Appeaning is married to the love of his life, his college sweetheart
10 Monique Appeaning, who works as a Legislative Fiscal Analyst and Coordinator of Special
11 Projects for the Louisiana Legislative Fiscal Office.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Vladimir Alexander Appeaning for his
14 extraordinary leadership, exemplary public service, quantifiable accomplishments, and
15 uncompromised commitment and dedication to moving Louisiana forward in the areas of
16 public postsecondary education and environmental quality.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr.
18 Vladimir Alexander Appeaning.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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