

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Seborn E. Woods, MD upon his lengthy career as an extraordinary physician of internal medicine and to congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, Dr. Seborn Woods is a distinguished gentleman and renowned physician and perhaps one of best-known healthcare professionals in Shreveport; he has practiced internal medicine for over fifty-seven years, and recently retired in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods is a knowledgeable internist with extraordinary skill and a calming bedside manner; he is admired by his patients for his compassion and ready availability at any time of day; and

WHEREAS, with many years of experience and exhaustive perseverance to heal every malady, Dr. Woods possesses a keen insight and ability to provide accurate diagnoses and successful methods of treatment; and

WHEREAS, born in Kirbyville, Texas, Seborn Enloe Woods was one of eight children born to B. A. and Lillian Woods, and was reared in a caring and loving Christian home with a strong work ethic and a genuine concern for others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods obtained his first glimpse into the world of pharmaceuticals and service to the community from the family business, Woods Drug Store; his father, a pharmacist, established the pharmacy in 1905 and his mother, Lillian, also a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, established the Kirbyville Library by securing books from the state for circulation; it was the first lending library for the town and it was housed in a corner of the drug store; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods earned his Bachelor of Science in pharmacy from the University of Texas in Austin and in 1960, he earned his doctoral degree in medicine from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; he continued his educational pursuits with an internship and residency at Confederate Memorial Medical Center, now known as LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport, LSUHSC-S, where he met and married Lorelee Craft, his wife of fifty-six years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods began his medical career in private practice, then became a hospitalist specializing in internal medicine at Schumpert Medical Center, where he was named chief of staff in 1984; he had professional affiliations with numerous hospitals in the area including Christus Health Shreveport-Bossier, and in 1996, he joined the staff of Willis-Knighton Medical Center Pierremont, where he practiced until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, he has received many accolades and awards during his lifetime, far too numerous to count; and was recognized as one of The Top Doctors in the Ark-La-Tex region by *U.S. News and World Report* rankings of outstanding health professionals; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Dr. Woods has many lifelong hobbies and pastimes to pursue; he has a penchant for gardening, travel, vintage cinema, and delicious food shared with friends; and

WHEREAS, forever a son of Texas, he remains an eternal fan of the University of Texas Longhorns and always enjoys watching UT football games; he maintains his family homestead on Main Street in Kirbyville and relishes every opportunity to visit and pass some leisure time in the rocking chairs on the back porch; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Woods have two daughters, Cathy Roberge, a registered nurse and Elizabeth Lenart, a public relations consultant, and three grandchildren, Ryan, Robert, and Jack; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods has always expressed the importance of "making memories" and family-oriented travels to far-off places are high on his bucket list; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods is a fine individual filled with the milk of human kindness whose laughter and warm heart have endeared him to all who know him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods has many loves that include his family, his church, which is First United Methodist of Shreveport, and his hometown of Kirbyville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods shall be missed by his many patients who appreciated the years of devoted care, but they shall remember his wit, his fun-loving sense of humor, and his perpetual "the glass is half full" outlook on life; and

WHEREAS, the generosity and caring heart of Dr. Seborn Woods are evident in his lifelong service to others and he plans to continue his service to mankind on a daily basis.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Seborn E. Woods, MD on his lengthy medical career of over fifty-seven years and his extraordinary service to the health of the citizens of the Ark-La-Tex region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate Dr. Woods on the occasion of his retirement and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Seborn E. Woods, MD of Shreveport.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES