

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 173

BY SENATORS CLAITOR, ERDEY AND WARD

A RESOLUTION

To commend the many accomplishments of Pennington Biomedical Research Center during its thirty years of service and to express profound thanks and gratitude, posthumously, to Claude B. and Irene Pennington for their generous philanthropy that established Pennington Biomedical Research Center and continues to support it.

WHEREAS, LSU's Pennington Biomedical Research Center (Pennington Biomedical) began as the vision of the late Louisiana philanthropist Claude B. "Doc" Pennington "to build the biggest and best nutritional research facility in the nation", a vision supported by the generous donation of Claude B. and Irene Pennington; and

WHEREAS, by 1989 Pennington Biomedical had signed a \$3.5 million research agreement with the United States Army and for three decades has secured more than \$80 million to conduct 130 research studies for the United States Department of Defense and continues to meet the nutritional needs of our nation's warfighters; and

WHEREAS, the center has never deviated from its mission "to discover the triggers of chronic diseases through innovative research that improves human health across the lifespan" through research that includes collaborative efforts with public and private institutions designed to enhance Louisiana's research infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the researchers at Pennington Biomedical rank among the world's research elite, annually winning major competitive grants to fund their work, with each Pennington Biomedical scientist/entrepreneur member bringing in \$630,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, across thirty years, the state of Louisiana has appropriated \$257 million for Pennington Biomedical's basic operating expenses and Pennington Biomedical faculty entrepreneurs have generated an additional \$826 million in extramural funding, making Pennington Biomedical an economic engine for the state; and

WHEREAS, the center's research contributions are among the most quoted in

scientific literature; and

WHEREAS, Pennington Biomedical is a world-renowned institution with ongoing clinical research trials with Louisiana participants testing groundbreaking new treatments for obesity and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the center has participated in the development of medications within every class of pharmaceuticals available to treat diabetes, which is epidemic in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, 2018 is Pennington Biomedical Research Center's thirtieth anniversary year and it is an appropriate time to acknowledge the history of this Louisiana resource as it continues its dedicated work to achieve "Doc" Pennington's vision.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend the many accomplishments of Pennington Biomedical Research Center during its thirty years of service as well as express and publicly document profound thanks and gratitude, posthumously, to Claude B. and Irene Pennington for their generous philanthropy that established Pennington Biomedical Research Center and continues to support it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE