

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 157

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Ginger Myers on receiving an honorary doctorate from UL-Lafayette and recognizes her for her work with the LHC Group.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Ginger Myers on receiving an honorary doctorate from the University of
3 Louisiana-Lafayette and to recognize her for her work with the LHC Group.

4 WHEREAS, Ginger Myers was awarded an honorary doctorate of nursing practice
5 during the University of Louisiana-Lafayette's Spring 2022 commencement ceremonies; and

6 WHEREAS, Ginger Myers is a nurse, a community leader, a businesswoman, and
7 a philanthropist; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1994, Myers noticed a need in her small community of Palmetto,
9 Louisiana, for greater access to health care, especially for elderly residents; and

10 WHEREAS, working around her twelve-hour nursing shifts at Opelousas General
11 Hospital, Myers began offering her time, knowledge, kindness, and skills to those in need
12 by visiting and caring for people in their homes; and

13 WHEREAS, at the urging of community leaders who knew that elderly rural
14 residents of the area desperately needed access to quality medical care at home, Myers was
15 instrumental in cofounding St. Landry Home Health - a single small agency that would
16 become the LHC Group; and

17 WHEREAS, Ginger Myers was the agency's first nurse and her passion for serving
18 others inspired the agency's simple yet powerful purpose statement: "It's All About Helping

1 People" - which still serves as the LHC Group's foundational mission statement; and

2 WHEREAS, as the company's first nurse, Myers' approach to nursing and caring for
3 her community formed the foundation of the LHC Group's unique company culture of
4 service to families, communities, and coworkers at a local and personal level; and

5 WHEREAS, the LHC Group has grown and provides high quality care to patients
6 through home health, hospice, home- and community-based services, and facility-based care
7 through more than twelve million patient encounters each year and with more than thirty
8 thousand employees at more than nine hundred seventy locations in thirty-seven states and
9 the District of Columbia; and

10 WHEREAS, Ginger Myers has worked in a range of nursing and administrative roles
11 in St. Landry Parish for more than two decades; and

12 WHEREAS, Myers was employed as a nursing supervisor at LaHaye Eye Center and
13 was active in opening the first outpatient ophthalmic surgery center in St. Landry Parish; and

14 WHEREAS, Myers also worked at Doctor's Hospital and was active in coordinating
15 one of the first rural health clinics in the state, located in Melville, Louisiana; and

16 WHEREAS, Ginger Myers served as chairman of the board for the Opelousas
17 Women's Club, a committee member for the St. Landry/Evangeline American Heart
18 Association Heart Gala, and a member of the executive committee of Go Red For Women;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, in 2002, Myers received the St. Landry Chamber Business Woman of
21 the Year Award, and in 2013, she received the Leaders in Philanthropy Award for St. Landry
22 Parish; and

23 WHEREAS, Myers is a member of the Acadian Business Hall of Fame, and she was
24 inducted into the Homecare Association of Louisiana Hall of Honor in 2018; and

25 WHEREAS, Myers has served on the LHC Group board and is currently on the board
26 for the Hospice Promise Foundation; and

27 WHEREAS, in early 2022, the University of Louisiana-Lafayette renamed the
28 College of Nursing and Health Sciences Department as the LHC Group-Myers School of
29 Nursing.

30 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

1 does hereby commend Ginger Myers on receiving an honorary doctorate from the University
2 of Louisiana-Lafayette and recognizes her for her work with the LHC Group.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
4 Ginger Myers.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Kathy Liberty.

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DIGEST
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