

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 182

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Scott Wester for his many years of dedicated, faithful service to the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System and the state of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend K. Scott Wester for his many years of dedicated, faithful service to the
3 Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System and the state of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, K. Scott Wester, Executive Vice-President of Advocacy and Strategic
5 Partnerships, served as Chief Executive Officer of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical
6 Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from March 2008 until February 2022; and

7 WHEREAS, originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Scott Wester graduated Magna Cum
8 Laude from Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, with a Bachelor of Arts in
9 Chemistry and a Bachelor of Arts in Classical Humanities; and

10 WHEREAS, Scott received his Masters of Hospital and Health Administration in
11 1993 from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

12 WHEREAS, Scott began his career in health care as an administrative resident at Our
13 Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center (OLOLRMC); and

14 WHEREAS, Scott served in the roles of Assistant Administrator, Assistant Vice
15 President - Managed Care, Vice President - Professional Services, and Administrator -
16 Related/Partner Organizations while at OLOLRMC in Baton Rouge before accepting his first
17 Chief Executive Officer (CEO) position at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Gonzales, Louisiana, in
18 2000; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2004, Scott accepted the position of CEO with St. Francis Medical
2 Center in Monroe, Louisiana; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2008, Scott came back to Baton Rouge to become the CEO of Our
4 Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center; and

5 WHEREAS, Scott is a Fellow with the American College of Health Care Executives
6 (ACHE) and he is the past chair of the ACHE CEO Council; and

7 WHEREAS, Scott is a member of the American Hospital Association (AHA) Higher
8 Logic Committee, the AHA Leadership Pool, and formerly served as a member of the
9 Council of the AHA Section for Metropolitan Hospitals; and

10 WHEREAS, Scott serves on the board of the Louisiana Hospital Association,
11 recently holding the position of chairman, and currently serves as Louisiana's Delegate for
12 the Region Seven Policy Board of the American Hospital Association; and

13 WHEREAS, Scott has served as the chair of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber of
14 Commerce and is an active board member on several community boards; and

15 WHEREAS, Scott has served on the Catholic Health Association awards and century
16 committee, and is currently a member of the Vizient Gulf States Board of Directors; and

17 WHEREAS, Scott has been instrumental in working with the Louisiana Department
18 of Health to increase access to quality health care for all Louisiana residents; and

19 WHEREAS, Scott was key in creating the framework for the public-private
20 partnership model and was the architect of the first cooperative endeavor agreement between
21 Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, the Louisiana State University School of
22 Medicine, and the state of Louisiana, resulting in the transition of OLOLRMC from a
23 community-based hospital to a nationally recognized major teaching hospital; and

24 WHEREAS, Scott is responsible for breaking down the two-tier health system in
25 Baton Rouge and ensuring equitable access to health care for all; and

26 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health often sought the guidance and
27 advice of Scott Wester while crafting public health policy; and

28 WHEREAS, Scott has led Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center,
29 Louisiana's largest medical center, through COVID-19 and over a decade of growth.

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

