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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 127

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. Michelle Yetman for her efforts to improve the lives of those with disabilities to aid the nonmedical professionals who work with those with disabilities

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Michelle Yetman for her efforts to improve the lives of those with
3 disabilities and to aid the nonmedical professionals who work with those with
4 disabilities.

5 WHEREAS, allied health professionals make up 60% of all healthcare workers in
6 the US with only .1% of clinical allied health professionals working in academic roles
7 involving teaching and research; and

8 WHEREAS, clinical psychologists play an immeasurable role as allied health
9 professionals as they assess, diagnose, and treat people with various conditions, such as
10 depression, anxiety, trauma, and personality disorders; and

11 WHEREAS, the conditions treated by clinical psychologists are among the most life
12 altering; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Michelle Yetman is a clinical psychologist at the School of Allied
14 Health Professions who has gone beyond expectations to improve the lives of those with
15 autistic spectrum disorders through early identification, diagnosis, and promotion of early
16 intervention programs, including assuring ABA therapy is accessible in North Louisiana for
17 patients and their families; ABA therapy is a scientific and evidence-based approach that
18 helps individuals with autism learn and develop skills that will enhance their lives
19 throughout adulthood; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Yetman has outstanding experience and educational credentials,
2 which include serving as an Associate Professor and Clinical Psychologist at LSU Health
3 Shreveport, an earned Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Gallaudet University in 2000, an
4 APA-approved clinical internship at the University of Maryland Medical Center, in
5 Baltimore, Maryland, and specialized training in the diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorders
6 at the Center for the Atypical Child at Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital; she is a
7 licensed clinical psychologist who is a member of both the American Psychological
8 Association and the Louisiana Psychological Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Yetman is especially interested in empowering parents in the
10 diagnostic and evaluation process, engaging collaborative, multi-disciplinary teams for
11 diagnosis and intervention, supporting and educating families and service providers, and
12 offering technical assistance and outreach to community agencies; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to making training available to individuals on the autism
14 spectrum and their families, Dr. Yetman created training for first responders who frequently
15 deal with individuals on the autism spectrum; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Yetman trained the Shreveport police force on how to interact with
17 individuals with autistic spectrum disorders; she also partnered with the Shreveport police
18 force to establish an opportunity for individuals with autism and other spectrum-related
19 disorders to interact with police in a nonemergency situation in an effort to build trust
20 between individuals with disabilities and first responders; and

21 WHEREAS, today, Dr. Yetman frequently educates the community through a variety
22 of media channels on how to access resources for their loved ones with disabilities, as well
23 as tools to make their lives better.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Michelle Yetman for her efforts to
26 improve the lives of those with disabilities and to aid the nonmedical professionals who
27 work with those with disabilities and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue
28 to prosper in all of her endeavors.

DIGEST

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