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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends LSU Health New Orleans on receipt of the Billy and Marcia Beer gift that fully funds scholarships for ten medical students each year

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend LSU Health New Orleans on receipt of the Billy and Marcia Beer gift that
3 fully funds scholarships for ten medical students each year.

4 WHEREAS, the LSU Health New Orleans Foundation has received a \$7.5 million
5 gift from the estate of Marcia and Billy Beer; it is the largest gift in the Foundation's history;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the endowed donation will support four-year tuition scholarships to
8 LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine, and the scholarships will be funded by the
9 interest earned on the gift, leaving the principal intact to grow for new scholarships forever;
10 they will allow qualified students who would otherwise be unable to afford medical school
11 to become physicians; and

12 WHEREAS, the gift agreement contains a unique request from the Beers, that upon
13 completion of their medical school and residency training and upon beginning their medical
14 practice that each scholarship recipient demonstrates an appreciation of their gift by offering,
15 when practical, one day of free medical care each month to a patient unable to afford care;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Beer scholarships will become effective for the 2024 incoming
18 class; applications will be reviewed by the LSU Health New Orleans Foundation
19 Development Committee, and the scholarships will be awarded, upon approval, by a
20 separate, independent scholarship committee utilizing a sophisticated awards management
21 system; and

1 WHEREAS, Billy Beer had a career in finance, and Marcia Beer was an executive
2 vice president of a major local bank; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Beer received care from LSU Health physicians throughout his
4 adult life, managing his polio and post-polio syndrome; the quality of that care inspired the
5 couple to name the LSU Health Sciences Foundation as a beneficiary of their estate.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend LSU Health New Orleans on receipt of a
8 Billy and Marcia Beer gift that fully funds scholarships for medical students and does hereby
9 extend sincerest wishes that this incredible donation inspire medical students to follow the
10 Beers' example of community service.

DIGEST

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