



1           WHEREAS, Dr. Burckel has served as the seventh president of McNeese State  
2 University since July 1, 2017; as president, he set priorities and implemented initiatives to  
3 create a student-centric campus culture; he led the university through a tumultuous fourteen-  
4 month period that included the COVID-19 pandemic, Hurricane Laura, Hurricane Delta, a  
5 severe winter storm, and a historically destructive flood; and

6           WHEREAS, under Dr. Burckel's leadership, the university reinforced its commitment  
7 to academic excellence and student success by streamlining the enrollment process, creating  
8 seamless pathways for transfer students, reinstating the Division of Student Affairs, reducing  
9 textbook costs, establishing a doctoral program in the College of Nursing and Health  
10 Professions, creating the Student Success Center, and forming the first science, engineering,  
11 and mathematics college in the state; and

12           WHEREAS, Dr. Burckel is very civically engaged; he has served as president and  
13 director of the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District Board, chairman of the board of  
14 directors for CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital, and chairman of the Southland Conference  
15 President's Group; he served on the board of directors for the Louisiana Housing  
16 Corporation, the Louisiana Land Trust, and Council for a Better Louisiana, and he currently  
17 sits on the board of directors for JD Bank; and

18           WHEREAS, Dr. Burckel is a veteran of Desert Storm and has achieved the rank of  
19 captain in the United States Army Reserves; and

20           WHEREAS, Dr. Daryl V. Burckel is a truly incredible individual whose many  
21 achievements warrant the highest measures of recognition.

22           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
23 commend Dr. Daryl V. Burckel on the occasion of his retirement from McNeese State  
24 University as its president; does hereby extend enduring appreciation to him for his service  
25 to McNeese State University, the state of Louisiana, and the United States; and does hereby  
26 extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors.

DIGEST

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