

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Congratulates and acknowledges Dr. William C. "Kip" Schumacher as the 92<sup>nd</sup> recipient of Lafayette Civic Cup.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. William C. "Kip" Schumacher upon his selection as the 92nd recipient of  
3 the prestigious Lafayette Civic Cup and to recognize his extraordinary contributions  
4 to medicine, business, philanthropy, and the community of Acadiana and beyond.

5 WHEREAS, the Lafayette Civic Cup, established in 1933, honors individuals whose  
6 unselfish contributions of time, energy, and resources have enhanced the quality of life in  
7 Acadiana and who exemplify the spirit of civic leadership and service; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. William C. "Kip" Schumacher was honored as the 92nd recipient  
9 of the Lafayette Civic Cup; and

10 WHEREAS, a native of Lafayette and graduate of the University of Southwestern  
11 Louisiana, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Dr. Schumacher is a physician,  
12 entrepreneur, philanthropist, innovator, and modern-day Renaissance man whose influence  
13 has been felt locally, nationally, and globally; and

14 WHEREAS, to fund his medical school education at LSU New Orleans, Dr.  
15 Schumacher began crafting jewelry from wire in his apartment, a venture that blossomed  
16 into a small business employing several people, including his own father, and exemplifying  
17 his resourcefulness, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit; and

18 WHEREAS, after a 17-year career in the Emergency Department at Opelousas

1 Medical Center, Dr. Schumacher co-founded Schumacher Group in 1994 with Gary Keller,  
2 aiming to improve the quality, efficiency, and business operations of hospital emergency  
3 departments; and

4 WHEREAS, what began in two spare exam rooms grew into one of the nation's  
5 largest healthcare practice management companies—now known as SCP Health—serving  
6 over 10 million patients annually at 400 facilities in 37 states with nearly 8,000 clinicians,  
7 and delivering a comprehensive continuum of care; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Schumacher's commitment to healthcare reform includes  
9 co-founding the Emergency Department Practice Management Association (EDPMA) in  
10 1998, and Physicians for Fair Coverage (PFC) in 2016, both of which advocate for patients  
11 and providers through legislative and regulatory engagement; and

12 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Dr. Schumacher has consistently answered the  
13 call during times of crisis: sourcing over 5 million masks during the COVID-19 pandemic  
14 and founding Mask on Every Face, LLC to ensure access to affordable personal protective  
15 equipment across the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, his passion for service is further evidenced by his support of Eight Days  
17 of Hope, a Christian-based disaster response and rebuilding organization, for which he  
18 helped raise a \$1.25 million matching grant that enabled the construction of 800 homes in  
19 Houston following Hurricane Harvey; and

20 WHEREAS, believing in the transformative power of education, Dr. Schumacher has  
21 championed efforts at home and abroad, including funding vocational schools through  
22 Pratham in India and supporting programs like Leader in Me, Capturing Kids' Hearts, and  
23 School Connect across Acadiana schools; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2019, Dr. Schumacher helped launch the nonprofit organization,  
25 Love Our Schools with an inaugural Serve Day, which raised over \$1 million, funded 100  
26 service projects in eight Lafayette Parish schools, and supplied thousands of students and  
27 teachers with needed materials—demonstrating his enduring belief in community-led  
28 change; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. William C. "Kip" Schumacher and his wife Carolyn founded the  
30 William C. Schumacher Family Foundation in 2018, a supporting organization of the

