

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, after a 17-year career in the Emergency Department at Opelousas Medical Center, Dr. Schumacher co-founded Schumacher Group in 1994 with Gary Keller, aiming to improve the quality, efficiency, and business operations of hospital emergency departments; and

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

and delivering a comprehensive continuum of care; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Dr. William C. "Kip" Schumacher and his wife, Carolyn, founded the William C. Schumacher Family Foundation in 2018, a supporting organization of the Community Foundation of Acadiana, based in Lafayette, that helps solve social problems by bringing people together to work on projects and programs designed to uplift the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William C. "Kip" Schumacher has traveled and worked with people from all over the world; however, he remains grounded in his childhood home of Lafayette, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Dr. Schumacher has received a host of awards and honors, including the Louisiana Governor's Innovator of the Year, University of Louisiana's Outstanding Alumni Award, Hero of Emergency Medicine, Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year, and the Louisiana Limb Salvage Club's Lifetime Achievement Hall of Fame honor, and is a 2024 Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame Laureate; and

WHEREAS, whether improving healthcare systems, responding to global crises, mentoring future leaders, or lifting entire communities through innovation and generosity, Dr. Kip Schumacher has exemplified a life of service and vision, and his impact continues to ripple outward, touching lives across generations and geographies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. William "Kip" Schumacher on being named by the Community Foundation of Acadiana as the 92nd recipient of the Lafayette Civic Cup.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. William C. "Kip" Schumacher.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE