

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Daniel D. and Mrs. Linda Reneau upon his retirement as President of Louisiana Tech University and to recognize and record their myriad accomplishments and remarkable contributions to the university and the Louisiana education community.

WHEREAS, upon the occasion of his retirement, it is appropriate to commend and congratulate Dr. Daniel D. Reneau for his notable achievements and his contributions to Louisiana Tech University, higher education in Louisiana, and the education community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau has served Louisiana Tech with integrity for over fifty years as a student leader, professor, department head, and president; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau is originally from Woodville, Mississippi, and graduated from Louisiana Tech University with two degrees in chemical engineering, a bachelor's in 1963 and a master's in 1964, and earned his Ph.D. in 1966 from Clemson University; and

WHEREAS, after living in South Carolina for a few years, Dr. Reneau and his wife, Linda, returned to Louisiana Tech University in 1967 after he accepted a teaching position with the university; and

WHEREAS, after only five years as a professor, Dr. Reneau established the university's Department of Biomedical Engineering, only the fifth undergraduate program of its kind in the nation, and was named the first head of the department; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Dr. Reneau was selected by the University of Louisiana Systems board as the thirteenth president of Louisiana Tech University; and

WHEREAS, during his exceptional service to the education community, Dr. Reneau published extensively in areas of higher education administration and made presentations numerous times on this and other subjects at conferences around the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau has been recognized by the Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America, the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineers, the National Federation of the Blind, and Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society and other prestigious organizations during his tenure as president for his outstanding leadership and contributions as an academician; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau has a deep passion for and commitment to Louisiana Tech University and even in his retirement, he plans to continue his work on its behalf, and although Dr. Reneau is retiring, his impact on the education systems of Louisiana will continue for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Linda Digby Reneau has been a most gracious first lady of Louisiana Tech University, representing her husband and the university with dignity, grace, and hospitality, and the students of the university have been extremely fortunate to have her as an advocate and champion; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau will be profoundly missed at Louisiana Tech for his remarkable leadership and intellect and all of the incomparable gifts and talents that he has displayed in his service to Louisiana Tech, and he will continue to bring deep pride to the state and all of its citizens as a dignified scholar and a true gentleman whose loyalty and dedication to Louisiana Tech have been inspiring and unwavering; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau merits highest commendation for the indelible mark he has left on Louisiana Tech University and its students, faculty, and staff as a truly exemplary educator and public servant; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana sincerely wishes to acknowledge Dr. Dan Reneau and his wife Linda for the many contributions they have made to the education community, and to record their many accomplishments during the course of his highly effective career, a career that reflects a true commitment to education and provides a source of inspiration for those seeking to pursue educational careers in the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Dan Reneau upon his retirement as president of Louisiana Tech University after many years of formative service and does recognize and record his notable achievements and manifold contributions to the education community, his students, the

citizens of Ruston, and the state of Louisiana, and does also commend Linda Reneau for her exceptional service to the university.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Dan and Mrs. Linda Reneau.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES