

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Paul Sisson on his years of service to Louisiana State University in Shreveport as interim chancellor

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Paul Sisson on his years of service to Louisiana State University in  
3 Shreveport (LSUS) as interim chancellor.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Sisson became the interim chancellor at LSUS during the  
5 Summer of 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Sisson received a bachelor of science in mathematics and physics  
7 from the New Mexico Institute of Technology and a doctor of philosophy in mathematics  
8 from the University of South Carolina; and

9 WHEREAS, after receiving his doctorate, Dr. Sisson worked for LSUS as a professor  
10 of mathematics, chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, dean of the  
11 College of Sciences, and provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Sisson's numerous administrative accomplishments as interim  
13 chancellor have contributed in many ways to the betterment of LSUS; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Sisson supervised the successful conclusion of the Southern  
15 Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) fifth-year review process and initiated campus-  
16 wide preparation for the 2015 SACS decennial reaffirmation; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Sisson directed the development of the first doctoral-level degree  
18 program at LSUS, and supervised the development and submission of the corresponding  
19 SACS level-change request; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Sisson directed a campus-wide contractual collaboration with  
21 Academic Partnerships, resulting in a redesign and relaunch of the LSUS master of

1 education in curriculum and instruction and subsequent quadrupling of the program's  
2 enrollment; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Sisson supervised the development of an alternative calendar  
4 structure that provides students greater flexibility in course scheduling and the opportunity  
5 for faster degree completion; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Sisson directed the development of the LSUS Commitment Plan,  
7 a comprehensive coordination of administration, faculty, and staff from Louisiana State  
8 University (LSU) and LSUS that allows students at LSUS to earn LSU degrees entirely or  
9 almost entirely on the LSUS campus; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Sisson developed a partnership with the Bossier Parish Community  
11 College that allows students who do not yet meet LSUS admission criteria to take classes  
12 on the LSUS campus and participate in student life activities; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Sisson initiated a comprehensive social media campaign and  
14 implemented a text messaging service that alerts students to critical deadlines, student  
15 services and activities, and academic progress issues.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Paul Sisson for his years of service as  
18 interim chancellor of Louisiana State University in Shreveport.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
20 to Dr. Paul Sisson.

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DIGEST

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