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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL AND SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Andrew L. Chesson, Jr., M.D., for his exemplary years of service to Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport (LSU HSC-Shreveport) as a physician, professor, and administrator upon his retirement as dean of the School of Medicine.

WHEREAS, Andrew Chesson, Jr., joined LSU HSC-Shreveport upon completing his residency in neurology in 1978; and

WHEREAS, as a nationally recognized expert in sleep medicine, Dr. Chesson developed and became the director of the LSU HSC-Shreveport Sleep Disorder Center, the first center of its kind in Louisiana and the state's longest continuously certified sleep disorder center; it is a model for sleep disorder centers nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chesson's work in the discipline of sleep medicine helped to establish national standards of practice and fellowship training; he was the director of the Sleep Medicine Fellowship Program at LSU HSC-Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, as a founding member of the Louisiana Sleep Society, Dr. Chesson was president of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, and in 2007, he received the academy's Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, throughout his medical career, Dr. Chesson has been named to local and national Best Doctors lists and he received the Humanism in Medicine Award from the Association of Academic Medical Centers and Pfizer; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching and treating patients, Dr. Chesson admirably served in several administrative roles at the LSU HSC-Shreveport School of Medicine, including fifteen years as the associate dean for academic affairs; he was acting chancellor and dean for one year before becoming dean of the School of Medicine in 2009; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Chesson's tenure, he led the school's accreditation process and led a significant restructuring of the medical school curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the LSU HSC-Shreveport School of Medicine developed a nationally credentialed simulation center for medical training under Dr. Chesson's leadership; and

WHEREAS, over his thirty-five year career at the LSU HSC-Shreveport, Dr. Chesson was instrumental in the growth and excellence of its academic and clinical missions, and his national recognition in the field of sleep medicine has brought distinction to the LSU HSC-Shreveport campus; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2014, Dr. Chesson was granted the titles of professor emeritus and dean emeritus by the LSU Board of Supervisors, and upon the occasion of his retirement, it is appropriate to commend his many years of dedicated service to the LSU HSC-Shreveport School of Medicine.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express their deep appreciation to Andrew L. Chesson, Jr., M.D., as he leaves a remarkable legacy of leadership of the LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport School of Medicine and enters the next phase of his life, and does hereby wish him many happy years of retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Andrew L. Chesson, Jr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE