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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 76

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends the medical students of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport School of Medicine for the creation of the *American Medical Student Research Journal*

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend the medical students of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
3	Shreveport (LSU HSC-Shreveport) School of Medicine for the creation of the
4	American Medical Student Research Journal, an innovative online academic
5	publication.
6	WHEREAS, the American Medical Student Research Journal (AMSRJ) was created
7	by LSU HSC-Shreveport medical students as an online journal publication to promote
8	interest in research and to provide a platform for the development of critical thinking skills
9	needed to succeed in academia and clinical practice; and
10	WHEREAS, as a pilot academic publication, only the second of its kind in the
11	country, AMSRJ allows medical students to author, review, and edit case reports, original
12	research manuscripts, clinical experience essays, and health position policy articles under
13	the guidance of faculty mentors; and
14	WHEREAS, AMSRJ uses the web to make the research and publishing process more
15	accessible to medical student peers by providing a free, independent, open-access alternative
16	venue connecting students and encouraging collaboration with peers in a constructive review
17	process; and
18	WHEREAS, AMSRJ is an excellent learning opportunity for student reviewers and
19	editors to develop analytic appraisal skills and excellence in research standards; and

1 WHEREAS, the Shreveport medical students financed the AMSRJ start-up costs, 2 including registering as a nonprofit corporation, applying for federal trademark permissions, 3 and other initial operational costs such as web hosting and data backup services, through a 4 student-organized bake sale; and 5 WHEREAS, students advertise the AMSRJ by using e-mail and social media, and 6 submissions and requests for involvement have been received from across the nation; and 7 WHEREAS, the AMSRJ team has grown from a core group of twelve committed 8 LSU HSC-Shreveport student editors to include thirty-three faculty advisors from LSU 9 HSC-Shreveport and sixty-four reviewers from medical schools across the country; and 10 WHEREAS, the AMSRJ inaugural issue is anticipated to be published online in the 11 spring of 2014, and it is appropriate to commend the medical students, faculty, and staff who 12 have contributed to the inception of this unique online academic publication. 13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana 14 do hereby commend the medical students at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences 15 Center Shreveport School of Medicine for their innovative idea to promote academic 16 research and nationwide peer collaboration, and to provide a venue to develop analytic 17 appraisal and critical thinking skills. 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 19 to Dr. Robert A. Barish, Chancellor.

DIGEST

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