

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 127

BY SENATOR CHABERT

COMMENDATIONS. To commend Dr. Frank Adams Riddick Jr. upon his impending retirement as president of the South Louisiana Medical Associates Board of Directors and to congratulate him for his lifetime of service to the medical community and the state of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Frank Adams Riddick Jr. upon his impending retirement as president of
3 the South Louisiana Medical Associates Board of Directors and congratulate him for
4 his lifetime of service to the medical community and the state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank Riddick holds his undergraduate and medical degrees from
6 Vanderbilt University, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Phi Chi medical
7 fraternity, and elected to Phi Beta Kappa and to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical
8 Society; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Riddick furthered his medical education in internal medicine and
10 endocrinology at the Barnes Hospital-Washington University Complex in St. Louis,
11 Missouri; and

12 WHEREAS, he also attended the Program in Health Systems Management at the
13 Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Riddick spent his entire career as both a doctor and administrator
15 in Ochsner Health System affiliated institutions, and held positions as head of the Section
16 of Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases, medical director and chief executive officer of
17 the Ochsner Clinic, chief executive officer of the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation, and
18 chief executive officer emeritus of the Ochsner Health System; and

1 WHEREAS, during Dr. Riddick's twenty-six years of leadership with Ochsner
2 institutions, the professional staff quintupled in size to over five hundred physicians, and the
3 health maintenance organization now has two hundred twenty-five thousand subscribers; and

4 WHEREAS, nationally, Dr. Riddick has served as past president of the American
5 College of Physician Executives, the American Group Practice Association, and the Society
6 of Medical Administrators, and chair of the American Medical Association's Council on
7 Medical Education and Council on Judicial and Ethical Affairs, while also obtaining the
8 distinction of Master of the American College of Physicians, the American College of
9 Endocrinology, as well as being designated a Distinguished Fellow of the American College
10 of Physician Executives; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Riddick has also served his community as a professor of clinical
12 medicine at the Tulane University School of Medicine; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Riddick served his country with active duty in the United States
14 Army Medical Corps from 1955 through 1957 with the rank of captain and continued to
15 serve in the United States Army Reserves until 1963, achieving the rank of major; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Riddick has served his faith community as a Vestryman of Trinity
17 Episcopal Church in New Orleans; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Riddick is the beloved husband of Mary Belle Alston Riddick, as
19 well as a beloved and revered father and grandfather; and

20 WHEREAS, during his tenure as the medical director and chief executive officer of
21 the Ochsner Clinic, then-state representative and later state senator Leonard J. Chabert
22 approached Dr. Riddick about the possibility of having Ochsner staff the South Louisiana
23 Medical Center charity hospital then under construction in Houma, Louisiana; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Riddick saw this opportunity as mutually beneficial to Ochsner and
25 its physician group, the Bayou Region, its indigent and working poor of the area, and agreed
26 to staff the hospital; and

27 WHEREAS, in response to this calling, Dr. Riddick formed the South Louisiana
28 Medical Associates, an Ochsner-affiliated physician group to service the hospital; and

29 WHEREAS, the bond between Senator Chabert and Dr. Riddick was instrumental
30 in the launch of this new charity hospital and its unique public-private management

1 structure; and

2 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Riddick, the South Louisiana Medical
3 Center, now known as the Leonard J. Chabert Memorial Hospital, was one of the only
4 charity hospitals in the state to generate significant patient revenue; and

5 WHEREAS, the visionary model of a public-private partnership with significant
6 patient revenue instituted by Dr. Riddick for this hospital served as a guiding light for other
7 charity hospitals to emulate even to this day; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to his title of chief executive officer emeritus of the Ochsner
9 Health System, Dr. Riddick is still actively serving as the president of the South Louisiana
10 Medical Association's board of directors; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Riddick has recently announced his plans to retire from service.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 does hereby commend Dr. Frank Adams Riddick Jr. upon his impending retirement as
14 president of the South Louisiana Medical Associates Board of Directors and congratulate
15 him for his lifetime of service to the medical community and the state of Louisiana.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr.
17 Frank Adams Riddick Jr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

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