

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVE CARMODY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Sharon L. Dunn, PT, PhD, OCS, for her many activities and accomplishments involving physical therapy.

WHEREAS, born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, Sharon L. Dunn obtained her first undergraduate degree from Northeast Louisiana University in pre-physical therapy, a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport (LSUHSC) in 1987, a Master of Health Sciences in 1996, and then earned a PhD in Cellular Biology and Anatomy in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dunn obtained certification from the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy in 1996, was recertified in 2006 and utilizes this content expertise in her teaching, research and clinical practice; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, Dr. Dunn has been on the faculty at LSUHSC and currently serves as associate professor and director of the doctorate of physical therapy program and chair of the rehabilitation sciences department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dunn developed a post-professional residency program for Orthopaedic Physical Therapy at LSUHSC in 2008, which has since produced nineteen graduates; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dunn's service to her professional organization began when she was a student and has continued to evolve throughout her career, having served as the state government affairs chair, Louisiana chapter president and vice president, and Louisiana chapter delegate to the American Physical Therapy Association House of Delegates every year from 1991 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dunn currently serves as president of the American Physical Therapy Association with her term expiring in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dunn has a passion for advocacy, member engagement, and the potential for physical therapy to add great value to the health delivery system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dunn is a member of the Louisiana Sports Medicine Society, the International Society for Hyaluronan Science, and in 2009 cofounded The Edge Physical Therapy, LLC in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dunn is a member of Brookwood Baptist Church and has been affiliated with the USA Triathlon, camp counselor for Winners Circle Youth Camp, team captain for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and a "What's Up Doc?" table facilitator for the LSUHSC Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her academic and professional achievements, Dr. Dunn enjoys a good debate, playing canasta, boating, college football, and any activity involving the outdoors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Sharon L. Dunn, PT, PhD, OCS, on her academic achievements, accomplishments, and service involving physical therapy, and the positive impact she continues to have on this noble profession in our state and on the national level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sharon L. Dunn.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES