

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY SENATOR GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the LSU Health Sciences Centers in Shreveport and in New Orleans on their contributions to healthcare development in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Centers in
3 Shreveport and in New Orleans for their ongoing contributions to the development
4 of healthcare in Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Louisiana currently has a healthcare workforce shortage as evident by
6 the state's low ranking in healthcare providers, including thirty-sixth for nurse practitioners,
7 fortieth for dentists, forty-second in primary care physicians, and forty-fourth for physicians
8 assistants; and

9 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Health Works Commission study found that 2,892
10 primary care physicians are needed by 2020 to replace retiring physicians and meet the
11 increasing healthcare demands, and over 360 new primary care physicians are needed
12 annually – more than the current number of all physician graduates from Louisiana medical
13 schools; and

14 WHEREAS, at the same time, Louisiana healthcare demands are projected to
15 increase due to aging population as the sixty-five year old population will double by 2030
16 and the increase in health insurance coverage due to the Patients Protection and Affordable
17 Care Act; and

18 WHEREAS, investing in healthcare workforce development is necessary to meet this

1 healthcare demand; and

2 WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks high in recruiting and retaining medical students as
3 91.1% of Louisiana students accepted into medical school choose to attend an in-state
4 school, which rates first in the nation; 70% of active Louisiana physicians trained at LSU;
5 75% of active Louisiana dentists trained at LSU; and two-thirds of Louisiana medical school
6 graduates who train at Louisiana are teaching hospital practice regionally; and

7 WHEREAS, the economic impact of LSU Health Sciences Centers is 1.4 billion
8 dollars with an impact of 900 million dollars at New Orleans and 521 million dollars at
9 Shreveport; and

10 WHEREAS, the current student enrollment of LSU Health Sciences Centers includes
11 1,244 in the School of Medicine, 706 in the School of Allied Health Professions, 1,385
12 residents and fellows, 167 in the School of Graduate Studies, 392 in the School of Dentistry,
13 1,049 in the School of Nursing, and 115 in the School of Public Health.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
15 does hereby commend and congratulate the Louisiana State University Health Sciences
16 Centers in Shreveport and in New Orleans for their ongoing contributions to the
17 development of healthcare in Louisiana.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 Dean of the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport and to the Dean of the LSU Health
20 Sciences Center in New Orleans.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.
