

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. G. E. Ghali for his leadership as chancellor of LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. G. E. Ghali, D.D.S., M.D., F.A.C.S., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), Chancellor of
 3 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, for extraordinary
 4 leadership in the advancement of the institution and in the rich legacy of medical
 5 instruction and research that he contributes to his community, the state, and the
 6 world.

7 WHEREAS, Dr. G. E. Ghali's leadership has led to LSU Health Sciences Center
 8 Shreveport receiving full ACGME accreditation for all training programs, completing fiscal
 9 year 2016 with a positive operating margin, and the development of new relationships with
 10 six community hospitals signing memorandums of understanding to enhance education and
 11 clinical activities thereby increasing health care services for the populous of north Louisiana
 12 and the state as a whole; and

13 WHEREAS, before Dr. Ghali began his service in 2016 as chancellor and dean of
 14 the LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport, he had amassed a vast knowledge and
 15 experience in the field of medicine, serving as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon and as the
 16 Jack W. Gamble Endowed Chair in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2012, Dr. Ghali led the initiative to establish the Cleft Lip and Palate
 18 Program at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Shreveport, and since that time has served as
 19 director of the program; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali is also the founder of the Ark-La-Tex Craniofacial and Cleft
2 Team, which provides complex oral and maxillofacial care to children and adults across
3 multiple healthcare institutions; and

4 WHEREAS, the LSU System received significant domestic and international
5 recognition for the rare and lifesaving surgery performed by Dr. Ghali on a three-year-old
6 Brazilian patient with a five-pound facial myxoma whose family was unable to secure
7 needed medical services in her home country; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali performed this surgery, as he has many others in the past, at
9 no cost to the patient, and was awarded the "2017 Volunteer Service Award for Global
10 Impact" by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in part for his work on this case; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali has received numerous awards including "The Samaritan of
12 the Year" (Samaritan Counseling Center), and the "William Haynie, MD Award in
13 Pediatrics" (Northwest Louisiana Pediatric Society); and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali's service to humanity includes eighteen years of travel to India
15 performing missionary work to operate on those suffering with cleft lips and palates, as well
16 as adults with oral, head, and neck cancer, and serving as an instructor to all branches of the
17 military regarding management of maxillofacial injuries; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali has been recognized for his leadership role in developing an
19 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Section within the American College of Surgeons as well
20 as developing guidelines for accepting Oral and Maxillofacial surgeons as full fellows in the
21 American College of Surgeons, and as recipients of the "Distinguished Educator Award"
22 from the Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the "William J. Gies
23 Foundation Award" and the "Robert V. Walker Distinguished Service Award" from the
24 American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali's work has been memorialized in eighty-two publications and
26 in contributions to forty books; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali has received more than three hundred invitations to lecture
28 all across the world; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali shares his wonderful life with his wife, Hope, and their
30 children, Gregor, Grace, Gabrielle, and Garrisyn.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 commend Dr. G. E. Ghali, MD, Chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences
3 Center in Shreveport, for extraordinary leadership in the advancement of the institution and
4 for the rich legacy of medical instruction and research that he contributes to the world; and
5 does hereby extend its best wishes and gratitude to Dr. G. E. Ghali for his contributions and
6 continued success.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
8 to Dr. G. E. Ghali, D.D.S, M.D., F.A.C.S., and F.R.C.S. (Ed.).

DIGEST

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