

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATOR BISHOP

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Summer Enrichment Program at the Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Dentistry.

WHEREAS, LSU Health Sciences Center's School of Dentistry has undertaken a mission to increase the number of Under-Represented Minority (URM) and Disadvantaged students applying to and being accepted to their undergraduate and graduate level dentistry programs; and

WHEREAS, LSU Health Sciences Center has a mission to provide community outreach throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry is the only dental school in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the School of Dentistry began the Summer Enrichment Program, which provides a two-week summer course that introduces undergraduate students to areas of dental clinical practice, the application process for dental school, and the requirements for various dental school programs; and

WHEREAS, since inception, the program has introduced one hundred young adults to dental healthcare professional opportunities, of which 99% were Under-Represented Minority individuals and 73% were Under-Represented females; and

WHEREAS, the program is provided at no cost to all participants thanks to donations from private corporations, state associations, and the School of Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, current School of Dentistry students participate in the Summer Enrichment Program providing mentoring opportunities and program support; and

WHEREAS, the Summer Enrichment Program is meeting its goal of exposing Under-Represented Minority students to dentistry healthcare and the LSU Health Sciences Center's School of Dentistry.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Summer Enrichment Program at the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Dentistry, as well as the faculty, staff, and students who support the program, for their outreach to Under-Represented Minority and Disadvantaged students and the program's ongoing goal of increasing awareness and participation in dental healthcare to all areas of the Louisiana population.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Henry Gremillion, Dean of the School of Dentistry and the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE