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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Dr. Isaac "Ike" Muslow of Shreveport.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of an exceptional physician, Isaac "Ike" Muslow, MD, and to commend his lifetime of dedication to the advancement of healthcare and internal medicine instruction. WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of a distinguished gentleman, educator, and renowned internist, Dr. Isaac "Ike" Muslow, on January 18, 2020, at the age of ninety-three; and WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow was greatly admired for the breadth of his diagnostic skill and his wealth of clinical expertise in the practice of internal medicine; he was much admired by his students, patients, and colleagues who marveled at his bedside manner; and WHEREAS, born in Oil City, Louisiana, on April 4, 1926, to parents Sylvia and Harry Muslow, Ike was educated at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Centenary College of Louisiana, and LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans; he continued his medical training with an internship at Charity Hospital of New Orleans; and WHEREAS, in the 1950s, Dr. Muslow served his country as a medical officer in the United States Air Force; he then attended medical residency at Georgetown University Hospital and concluded it with a return to Charity Hospital; and WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow became fully immersed in all facets of medical care; he

1	became an instructor at the LSU School of Medicine, director of the kidney station at Charity
2	Hospital, and an attending physician at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in
3	Gulfport, Mississippi; and he was instrumental in the development of the first fellowship
4	dialysis program in the state of Louisiana; and
5	WHEREAS, in 1958, he returned to Shreveport to establish a private practice and to
6	act as an attending physician and consultant at the VA Hospital; and
7	WHEREAS, in 1964, he was appointed as Administrative Director of the Department
8	of Internal Medicine at Confederate Memorial Medical Center; and
9	WHEREAS, he established the kidney dialysis unit at Willis-Knighton Medical
10	Center in 1970, the first of its kind in the region, and directed the continuing education
11	program for medical personnel; and
12	WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow began a lengthy career at the LSU School of Medicine by
13	accepting the position as head of the Department of Family Medicine and Comprehensive
14	Care where he successfully won approval for the establishment of a medical residency
15	program that encompassed all of the Shreveport area hospitals; and
16	WHEREAS, in 1973, he began his tenure as dean and vice chancellor of the medical
17	school; during this time, Confederate Memorial successfully merged with LSU Medical
18	School to become LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport, LSUHSC-S; and
19	WHEREAS, under his leadership, there was a refinement in the methodology of
20	medical specialties, such as burn treatment, organ transplant, neurosurgery, and trauma; and
21	WHEREAS, at LSUHSC-S, centers of excellence were established in the advanced
22	studies of cancer research, rheumatology, and toxicology; there was continued expansion in
23	other specialties which led to new construction for the Ambulatory Care Clinic, the
24	Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, the Women and Children's Outpatient Clinic, the Radiation
25	Therapy Center which housed the first Gamma Knife Radiosurgery technology in the state,
26	the School of Allied Health Professions, and the Children's Hospital; and
27	WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow envisioned a bright future for LSUHSC-S; these lofty goals
28	included the offering of extraordinary educational options for healthcare professionals and
29	extensive life-saving medical research that would enhance public health outcomes; and
30	WHEREAS, he was elemental in the establishment of the LSU Health Sciences

1	Foundation, a nonprofit funding resource, in perpetuity, for the sole benefit of LSU Health
2	Sciences Center-Shreveport; and
3	WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow considered medical academia to be his true calling and for
4	more than fifty years he taught a plethora of eager medical residents and mentored countless
5	others; he reviewed cases and offered sage advice that had been gleaned from years of
6	clinical pathology, treatment protocol, and institutional knowledge; and
7	WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow had been an active member of many distinguished medical
8	organizations, such as the Federation of State Board of Nursing Examiners, the Louisiana
9	State Board of Medical Examiners and had served as its chairman, the American Board of
10	Medical Specialties, the American Board in Internal Medicine, and the Public Solicitation
11	Review Council and had served as its president; and
12	WHEREAS, Dr. Isaac Muslow received many well-deserved accolades that included
13	receipt of the 2017 Community Hero award from LSUHSC-S, the Distinguished Service
14	award from the Shreveport Medical Society and the Louisiana State Medical Society, an
15	endowed chair that bears his name at LSUHSC-S, and recognition from the American Heart
16	Association and Junior Achievement; and
17	WHEREAS, at the conclusion of his career as dean of LSUHSC-S, his "first"
18	retirement occurred in June 2000, then on July 1 of the same year, he began instructing
19	physicians in residence and treating patients at the VA Hospital until his "second" retirement
20	in 2015; and
21	WHEREAS, when Ike indulged in leisure time, he would play tennis or pursue his
22	love of gardening; and
23	WHEREAS, in addition to his commitment to his profession, he was a lifelong
24	member of Augudath Achim, a member of B'nai Zion Congregation, and chairman of the
25	Jewish Federation Fundraising Drive; and
26	WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow is survived by his wife of sixty-three years, Berte; their
27	children, Katherine M. Koeppel (Peter), Harry A. Muslow (Susan), and Jonathan H. Muslow
28	(Elena); eleven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of friends, colleagues,
29	former patients, and medical professionals; and

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WHEREAS, his pursuit of excellence, strength of character, critical thinking, and

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love of learning made him one of the greatest diagnostic physicians of all time; and 1 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow was revered as a man of impeccable character and critical 3 thinking, and as an exceptional educator who seized every opportunity for its application as a "teachable" moment; and 4 5 WHEREAS, Dr. Isaac Muslow was a remarkable human being, a consummate 6 physician, diagnostician, and educator in the complex realm of the healing arts; he was an 7 icon, a legend, a mentor, and a friend. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 9 express sincere condolences upon the passing of Isaac "Ike" Muslow, MD, and does hereby commend his legacy of hard work, high ethics, and compassion that he leaves to LSUHSC-S 10 11 and the medical community. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his 12 13 wife, Mrs. Berte A. Muslow. The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan P. Montague.

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