

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY SENATOR FOIL

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Dr. Katherine Lindley Spaht Dodson.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Dr. Katherine Lindley Spaht Dodson.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Senate of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the untimely and tragic death of Dr. Katherine
6 Lindley Spaht Dodson, a proud native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and a resident of Austin,
7 Texas, on January 26, 2021, at the age of forty-four; and

8 WHEREAS, Katherine Lindley Spaht was born on June 30, 1977, in Baton Rouge,
9 Louisiana, to Paul Holden Spaht and Katherine Lindley Shaw Spaht; and

10 WHEREAS, she attended St. James Episcopal Day School and was a 1995 graduate
11 of Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge; and

12 WHEREAS, she was a 1999 magna cum laude graduate in chemistry of Washington
13 and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, where she met her husband, Frederick Drew
14 Dodson; and

15 WHEREAS, she dedicated her life to helping children; and

16 WHEREAS, she was a 2003 graduate of the Louisiana State University School of
17 Medicine in New Orleans and completed her residency in pediatrics at Vanderbilt University
18 Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee; and

1 WHEREAS, she later served as an instructor at Harvard Medical School and as an
2 urgent care physician at Boston Children's Hospital; and

3 WHEREAS, Lindley and Drew married in 2006 and moved to Austin, Texas, in 2007
4 where she was a pediatric hospitalist at Dell Children's Medical Center and a faculty member
5 in the Department of Pediatrics at Dell Medical School; and

6 WHEREAS, she was named Dell Children's Medical Center's top pediatric doctor
7 in both 2012 and 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, she joined Children's Medical Group in 2017 and was honored to
9 become the practice owner in 2020; and

10 WHEREAS, the mark she leaves as a trusted pediatrician to countless Austin families
11 and as a treasured colleague and mentor to the medical community will endure, and her
12 generosity and gifts of her time, talent, and kind heart will be greatly missed; and

13 WHEREAS, while her medical career was remarkable, her family always came first.
14 She taught them to love, laugh, and pray every day, and to be thankful for their many
15 blessings. She also taught them about all things Louisiana, which was always in her heart.
16 She loved festivals and any excuse to wear a costume. She was a diehard LSU Tiger fan and
17 a lifelong ambassador for Mardi Gras, celebrating with king cakes and beads every year; and

18 WHEREAS, she was committed to leading a life of caring for others as evidenced
19 by the way she loved and cared for her family, friends, and patients; and

20 WHEREAS, she was accessible, funny, caring, determined, brilliant, selfless, and had
21 an impact on everyone she met. Lindley was the epitome of beauty, both inside and out. Her
22 laugh, like no other, came easily, and her joyfulness and spirit were infectious. To know
23 Lindley was to love her; and

24 WHEREAS, she was an extraordinary wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, medical
25 doctor, and friend who is survived by her loving husband, Frederick Drew Dodson, and her
26 adoring children, Shaw, Tucker, and Loretta; her parents Paul Holden and Katherine Shaw
27 Spaht; her brother, Paul Holden Spaht Jr. and his wife, Claire; her brother, William Carlos
28 Spaht and his wife, Julia; nieces, Eliza Spaht, Peyton Spaht, Cappa Spaht, and Virginia
29 Spaht; and nephew, Robert Holden Spaht. She is also survived by her aunt, Mary Jane Spaht
30 Gill; her uncle, Carlos Gustave Spaht II and his wife, Jan; her uncle, William Marshall

1 Shaw Jr.; cousins, John P. Everett, III, Mary Elizabeth Omeed, and Midgie Carolyn Spaht;
2 and friends truly beyond measure; and

3 WHEREAS, Lindley was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, William
4 Marshall Shaw and Jean Craighead Shaw, and paternal grandparents, Judge Carlos Gustav
5 Spaht and Loretta Andrus Spaht; and

6 WHEREAS, the memory of Dr. Katherine Lindley Spaht Dodson will always remain
7 in the hearts of her family and friends, whose hearts are forever broken by her absence.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
9 does hereby extend its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of
10 Dr. Katherine Lindley Spaht Dodson upon her untimely death.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 family of Dr. Katherine Lindley Spaht Dodson.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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