

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes Dr. Ernest W. Kinchen Jr. for a distinguish medical career in service to Louisiana's citizens.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and recognize Dr. Ernest W. Kinchen Jr., a man of God who's life of service  
3 improved the quality of lives of many Louisiana's citizens while establishing a  
4 distinguished medical career.

5 WHEREAS, he was born to Ernest W. Kinchen Sr. and Edna Jackson, a deeply  
6 praying mother who's influence would be the wind beneath his wings, in Lafayette,  
7 Louisiana on October 20, 1939; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Kinchen's educational path included receiving a Doctor of Medicine  
9 with honors in Neuropsychiatry, Ophthalmology, and Pediatrics from Howard University  
10 in 1965 and an internship and residency in the Tulane and Charity Hospital System in New  
11 Orleans while serving as a captain in the United States Army Reserves; and

12 WHEREAS, he has obtained board certification from the American Board of Surgery  
13 and a fellowship from the Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; and

14 WHEREAS, he is a past member of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and  
15 Endoscopic Surgeons, the Musser-Burch Medical Society, the Alton Oschner Surgical  
16 Society, and the Gulf Coast Vascular Society; and

17 WHEREAS, he has received a plethora of impressive appointments, awards, and  
18 honors throughout his medical career; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Kinchen Jr., a longtime Acadian doctor and African-American  
2           medical trailblazer, received the Louisiana CLI (critical limb ischemia) & Limb Salvage  
3           Club's Lifetime Achievement Award; and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Kinchen who has served the Acadiana area and the VA hospital in  
5           Alexandria for over fifty-two years, has broken through many barriers; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Kinchen was the first African-American resident in the Tulane and  
7           Charity Hospital System, the first Dillard University Rhodes Scholar candidate, the first  
8           African-American doctor with privileges at Lafayette General Hospital and Our Lady of  
9           Lourdes, the first African-American to serve on the board of the Lafayette Chamber of  
10          Commerce, and also the founder of Pride Plaza, one of the first multi-specialty medical  
11          facilities on the north side of Lafayette; and

12          WHEREAS, he conceived and initiated the Yearly Living Legend Program to  
13          provide scholarships and to inspire African-American youth to reach their greatest possible  
14          potential; and

15          WHEREAS, Dr. Kinchen says his legendary accomplishment was organizing and  
16          being the leader of the first college protest march against segregation, discrimination,  
17          injustice, and degradation in the deep South which captured the eyes of the nation and had  
18          the coverage of every major news network in the United States; and

19          WHEREAS, Dr. Kinchen has been described as "A living legend who is a pioneer,  
20          an outstanding servant, distinguished citizen, outstanding physician, humanitarian,  
21          trailblazer, and a great man of God with deep faith." by Dr. David Allie, one of the founders  
22          of the Louisiana CLI and Limb Salvage Club; and

23          WHEREAS, when asked about his distinguished life, Dr. Kinchen says "None of this  
24          would have been possible had my mother not prayed for a servant. Her prayers has given me  
25          the fortitude to continue to march toward justice, the breaking down of barriers, and the  
26          saving of lives as well as livelihoods."; and

27          WHEREAS, he says "Because God lives in my heart and inspires me through many  
28          trials, a servant lives in my heart."; and

29          WHEREAS, Dr. Kinchen, who is married to the former Miss Dillard University and  
30          Summa Cum Laude graduate Barbara Antoine with three children, Ernest, Kraig, and Chrys,

1 often says the love and strength of his family also helps him through all the challenges and  
2 hardships he has faced across his career; and

3 WHEREAS, he urges everyone to operate from a place of love, not hate, because  
4 only then are we at our very best and able to reach our highest potentials in life by serving  
5 others and our Lord; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Kinchen often says "He believes that when we bury ourselves in the  
7 quest to make the lives of others better, the world will be a better place. As a servant such  
8 actions gives God the glory!"

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
10 does hereby commend and recognize Dr. Ernest W. Kinchen Jr., God's servant who has  
11 contributed greatly to improving the quality of lives of many Louisiana's citizens while  
12 establishing a very distinguished medical career and does hereby record for posterity his  
13 accomplishments.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr.  
15 Ernest W. Kinchen Jr.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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DIGEST

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