

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Tunde Abubakar for his efforts to recruit minority students to healthcare professions

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Tunde Abubakar for his efforts to recruit minority students to healthcare
3 professions.

4 WHEREAS, Tunde Abubakar immigrated to the United States from a rural
5 community in Nigeria ten years ago and is now a third-year medical student at Louisiana
6 State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport; and

7 WHEREAS, despite facing numerous challenges following his immigration to the
8 United States, Mr. Abubakar is now well on his way to becoming the first physician in his
9 family; and

10 WHEREAS, Tunde is committed to exposing minority students to careers in
11 medicine; he was drawn to this cause after realizing, through interactions with his pediatric
12 patients, how few minority students were interested in medical professions; and

13 WHEREAS, Tunde came to the further realization that minority children did not
14 often consider careers in medicine because they rarely saw minority medical professionals,
15 so he began posting flyers of minority medical students and physicians that share their
16 journey as minorities pursuing a career in medicine; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Abubakar's flyers encourage students to reach out and network with
18 medical professionals in order to learn more about careers in medicine; he is using them as
19 a platform to create mentorships that connect minority students to those who work
20 professionally in the field of medicine, such as physicians, physician's assistants,
21 pharmacists, nurses, other healthcare professionals, and more; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Abubakar is currently working with the LSU Health Shreveport
2 Office of Communication and Public Affairs to create a series of videos to share on social
3 media and with area schools encouraging students to consider careers in medicine; and

4 WHEREAS, Tunde Abubakar is most deserving of the highest recognition for his
5 innovative approach to reaching minority students and his commitment to the goal of
6 exposing them to careers in the field of medicine.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 commend Tunde Abubakar for his efforts to recruit minority students to healthcare
9 professions and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that both Tunde and his mission receive
10 the necessary support to continue exposing minority students to the many career paths they
11 have available to them.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Tunde
13 Abubakar.

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