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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. Jeremy Kamil on his contributions to Louisiana State University and the state of Louisiana

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Jeremy Kamil on his contributions to Louisiana State University and the
state of Louisiana.
WHEREAS, Dr. Jeremy Kamil is an associate professor of microbiology and
immunology at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport who has
gained national recognition for his subject expertise and advocacy of the irreplaceable role
that the genome sequencing of the SARS-CoV-2 virus plays in combating both the current
COVID-19 pandemic and potential future pandemics; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Kamil is an internationally recognized subject matter expert in the
study of virology and virus sequencing; he has been featured in a number of media outlets
such as The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, BBC, Forbes
Magazine, Fortune Magazine, Popular Science, Nature, NPR, and Newsweek; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Kamil's fellowships in biological chemistry and molecular
pharmacology research at Harvard Medical School and in microbiology and immunology
at Cornell University provided him with an educational and experiential foundation that has
helped him earn, since 2008, consistent funding from the National Institutes of Health; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Kamil is currently the principal investigator of a grant from The
Rockefeller Foundation which established a regional genomic surveillance network to
increase the volume and diversity of SARS-CoV-2 samples sequenced; he engaged
Grambling State University, Mercer University, and Louisiana Tech University to expand
sequencing efforts and tracking of COVID-19 variants; and

1	WHEREAS, LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport is playing an active role in
2	assisting The Rockefeller Foundation's Pandemic Prevention Institute in obtaining fast and
3	accurate genome sequencing data; this data is crucial in the efforts to end the COVID-19
4	pandemic and to better prepare for and mitigate future pandemic threats; and
5	WHEREAS, Dr. Kamil was selected to serve on the G7 Open Science Working
6	Group's global efforts to identify lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic experience,
7	particularly lessons regarding the sharing of viral genomic data as well as the key barriers
8	or challenges that prevent data sharing; and
9	WHEREAS, Dr. Kamil is worthy of commendation for the positive recognition he
10	has brought to Louisiana State University and the state of Louisiana as a result of his global
11	contributions to better practices in addressing public health emergencies, improving cross-
12	border research collaboration, and developing policies that will benefit pandemic responses
13	for generations to come.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15	commend Dr. Jeremy Kamil on his contributions to Louisiana State University and the state
16	of Louisiana; does hereby further recognize Dr. Kamil for his truly inspirational efforts to
17	help combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that
18	he and his fellow researchers continue to receive the support needed to continue their
19	incredible humanitarian work.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
21	Dr. Jeremy Kamil.

DIGEST

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