

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. Graca Vicente on her promotion to Boyd Professor of Chemistry at Louisiana State University and on receipt of a 2022 Southeastern Conference Faculty Achievement Award

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Graca Vicente on her promotion to Boyd Professor of Chemistry at
3 Louisiana State University and on her receipt of a 2022 Southeastern Conference
4 Faculty Achievement Award.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Graca Vicente is the Charles H. Barré Distinguished Professor of
6 Chemistry at the Louisiana State University College of Science in Baton Rouge; she was
7 recently promoted to the rank of Boyd Professor, one of the highest and most prestigious
8 academic ranks at Louisiana State University, reserved exclusively for faculty who have
9 achieved national or international recognition for outstanding research, teaching, and
10 achievements; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Vicente received a bachelor of science degree from the University
12 of Aveiro in Portugal in 1986 and a doctoral degree in chemistry from the University of
13 California-Davis in 1990; from 1991 until 1993, she completed postdoctoral fellowships at
14 the University of Bourgogne in France, the University of Geneva in Switzerland, and the
15 ITQB Research Institute in Portugal; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Vicente received recognition for her syntheses and exploitation of
17 pyrrolic dyes for various commercial uses and non-invasive cancer treatments, and she is
18 considered a leading authority in the study of photodynamic therapy; she has served on
19 numerous journal editorial boards, published twelve book chapters, and written over two

1 hundred peer-reviewed articles, many of which are featured in the top peer-reviewed
2 academic journals for her field of research; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Vicente also holds four patents, and she has mentored nearly ninety
4 students and scholars; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Vicente joined LSU's chemistry department in 2001 and, since her
6 arrival, she has been a leading researcher in her field, a steadfast advocate for science
7 education at the university, and a visionary who continuously creates educational
8 opportunities for students of all levels; she has been especially effective at providing women,
9 minorities, individuals with disabilities, and other underrepresented groups with
10 opportunities in the field of science; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Vicente's accomplishments in her field of research are unparalleled,
12 and she has received recognition for her scholarly achievements on a similar scale; her
13 awards include the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and
14 Engineering Mentoring; LSU's Rainmaker Award; LSU's Distinguished Research Master
15 Award; the LSU Foundation Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award; the LSU-Howard
16 Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Mentoring Award; and many others; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Vicente has acquired more than \$11 million in grant funding from
18 a vast array of agencies and funding programs; some of these benefactors include the
19 National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Graca Vicente is a truly astonishing individual whose countless
21 accomplishments are worthy of the highest recognition.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Graca Vicente on her promotion to Boyd
24 Professor of Chemistry at Louisiana State University and on her receipt of a 2022
25 Southeastern Conference Faculty Achievement Award; does hereby further recognize
26 Dr. Vicente for her efforts to advance science education at Louisiana State University,
27 especially for historically underrepresented students; and does hereby extend sincere wishes
28 for her continued success as a truly exceptional researcher, scholar, and leader at Louisiana
29 State University.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
2 Dr. Graca Vicente.

DIGEST

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