

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Vicente received recognition for her syntheses and exploitation of pyrrolic dyes for various commercial uses and non-invasive cancer treatments, and she is considered a leading authority in the study of photodynamic therapy; she has served on numerous journal editorial boards, published twelve book chapters, and written over two hundred peer-reviewed articles, many of which are featured in the top peer-reviewed academic journals for her field of research; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES