

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Joan W. Burmaster on her retirement from forty-five years of service in health care and law.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burmaster was born on March 8, 1956, to Dr. Jack L. and Marion B. Winters, and she has five siblings: Dr. Charles J. Winters, Ms. Amy M. Winters, Mrs. Katherine W. Szeszycki, Dr. Ellen W. McKnight, and Dr. Jack Christian Winters; and

WHEREAS, she is married to Jeffrey M. Burmaster, and they have two children, Adam and Sinclair (Clair), and one grandchild, Alexander L. Burmaster (Alex), born February 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burmaster received her nursing diploma from Charity Hospital School of Nursing and her certification as a licensed registered nurse in 1978; and

WHEREAS, she worked at Charity Hospital in New Orleans in the pediatric infectious disease ward and later in the OB/GYN outpatient clinic until 1987, when Mrs. Burmaster became the nurse administrator of Charity Hospital's C100 Clinic, which was the first HIV/AIDS outpatient clinic in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans AIDS Task Force and served on the admissions team for Project Lazarus; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Mrs. Burmaster earned a Bachelor of Arts in History, from the University of New Orleans, and in 1991, she graduated with her juris doctorate degree from Loyola University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, after law school, Mrs. Burmaster worked at the law firm of Jones Walker prior to joining Louisiana Medical Mutual Insurance Company, now known as LAMMICO, in 1993 as in-house counsel and manager of the legal department; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at LAMMICO, she assumed the role of general counsel and will, as of July 1, 2022, retire from LAMMICO to pursue a full-time career as grandmother to Alex; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burmaster has served LAMMICO for nearly thirty years as a dedicated advocate for healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, she has been a valuable source of information for Louisiana officials and legislators, always working to improve our medical malpractice system and medical care for Louisianians; and

WHEREAS, it is a distinguished privilege for the Legislature of Louisiana to congratulate Joan W. Burmaster on the occasion of her retirement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Joan W. Burmaster on her retirement, does hereby recognize Mrs. Burmaster for her dedication to healthcare providers and to the medical system in Louisiana, and does hereby extend sincere wishes that she will prosper as she begins her well-earned life in retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Joan W. Burmaster.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES