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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 149

BY SENATOR BOUIE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Dr. Stephen C. McGuire for his selection as a 2022 Louisiana Legends honoree by Friends of LPB.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend and congratulate Dr. Stephen C. McGuire for his selection as a 2022 Louisiana
3	Legends honoree by Friends of Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB).
4	WHEREAS, Friends of LPB has honored Louisiana's best and brightest as Louisiana
5	Legends for more than thirty years; and
6	WHEREAS, the 2022 honorees have a unique distinction as Dr. Stephen C. McGuire
7	and his wife Dr. Saundra Yancy McGuire were the first married couple to be honored for
8	their individual accomplishments in Science at the Friends of LPB awards gala and auction
9	held on April 28, 2022, at Louisiana's Old State Capitol; and
10	WHEREAS, as a high school student at Joseph S. Clark Senior High in New Orleans,
11	McGuire knew that he wanted to pursue a career in physics; on a four-year academic
12	scholarship, McGuire attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, pursuing that goal and
13	graduating in 1970 with a B.S. in physics, magna cum laude; McGuire then received his
14	M.S. degree in nuclear physics in 1974 from the University of Rochester, and obtained his
15	PhD from Cornell University in nuclear science with a focus on low energy neutron physics;
16	and
17	WHEREAS, while on the faculty at Alabama A&M University, Dr. McGuire began
18	research with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was later

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1	honored by NASA with its Office of Technology Utilization Research Citation Award; and
2	WHEREAS, in 1989, Dr. McGuire became the first African-American faculty
3	member at the endowed College of Engineering at Cornell University; and
4	WHEREAS, in 1992, Dr. McGuire was a charter fellow of the National Society of
5	Black Physicists; and
6	WHEREAS, from 1999 to 2008, Dr. McGuire has served as professor and chair of
7	the department of physics at Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, while
8	also pursuing his interest in optical materials as part of the Laser Interferometer
9	Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO), leading to the establishment of the partnership
10	between LIGO and Southern University; and
11	WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen McGuire is currently a James and Ruth Smith Endowed
12	Emeritus Professor of Physics at Southern University and A&M College and is Southern
13	University's Principal Investigator (PI) to the LIGO Scientific Collaboration that was
14	awarded the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics; and considers serving as Southern University's Pl
15	to the collaboration his greatest achievement.
16	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17	does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Stephen C. McGuire on his selection as a 2022
18	Louisiana Legends honoree by Friends of LPB and does hereby express the sense of honor
19	and pride that he and his accomplishments bring to his family, friends, Southern University
20	and the state of Louisiana.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
22	Dr. Stephen C. McGuire.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Celeste D. Ellis.

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