

1 have practiced throughout Louisiana and beyond with distinction; and

2 WHEREAS, the first class of Shreveport medical school graduates are now
3 celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their medical school graduation, having served as
4 extraordinary representatives of the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine, LSU, and
5 the state; and

6 WHEREAS, the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine has continually
7 increased the class size, having gone from thirty-two initial students to a current class size
8 of one hundred fifty; and

9 WHEREAS, the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine has now conferred four
10 thousand eight hundred fifty medical degrees since its inception with each physician
11 contributing an average of two million dollars to the economy of their practice location; and

12 WHEREAS, the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine ranks in the top fifteen
13 percent in the nation in their graduates practicing in-state, yielding a vital contribution to the
14 health of Louisiana citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine ranks in the top eight
16 percent in the nation of graduates practicing in underserved areas and in the top eighteen
17 percent in the nation for their graduates practicing in rural areas demonstrating the schools'
18 impact in meeting the needs of countless citizens with limited access to healthcare; and

19 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature acknowledges the importance and impact of
20 fifty years of educating physicians in north Louisiana and commends those whose vision
21 made the establishment of a medical school in Shreveport a reality; and

22 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature thanks those first thirty-two students who took
23 a leap of faith by attending the new school of medicine in Shreveport, resulting in a long and
24 proud legacy of outstanding physicians who have admirably and successfully served our
25 state, region, and nation.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
27 commend LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine on the celebration of its fiftieth
28 anniversary.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
30 LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine.

