

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dr. Rahn Bailey upon being the recipient of the 2024 Solomon Carter Fuller Award.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Rahn Bailey upon his contributions to healthcare and work in the field of
3 psychiatry to significantly improve the quality of life for African Americans and to
4 congratulate him on being the recipient of the 2024 Solomon Carter Fuller Award.

5 WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Foundation has selected
6 Dr. Rahn Bailey, Professor and Chair of Psychiatry at LSU Health New Orleans School of
7 Medicine, as the recipient of the 2024 Solomon Carter Fuller Award; and

8 WHEREAS, the Solomon Carter Fuller Award was established in 1969 and named
9 for Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller, recognized as the first black psychiatrist in America, and
10 honors a black citizen who has pioneered in an area that has significantly improved the
11 quality of life for black people; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn Bailey's demonstrated contributions and exceptional
13 achievements in the field of psychiatry making him an outstanding recipient of this
14 prestigious national award; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn Bailey is also the Assistant Dean of Community Engagement
16 at LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine; before joining faculty of the LSU Health
17 New Orleans School of Medicine, he was Chairman of Psychiatry at Meharry Medical
18 College, Wake Forest Medical School, and the National Medical Association; and

1 WHEREAS, while his early research focused on psychotic disorders/SPMI, it grew
2 to include depressive illness/bipolar mood disorder, and expanded to forensic topics,
3 competency, confidentiality, and risk management; currently, his focus is health disparities,
4 healthcare reform, and violence; and

5 WHEREAS, he has eighty-six peer reviewed publications in more than twenty
6 refereed journals and published three books: Health Disparities, 2013, Gun Violence, 2018,
7 and Intimate Partner Violence, 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn Bailey, an advocate for change, has served as the Chairman
9 of the Board of Trustees of the National Medical Association/Cobb Research Foundation,
10 chaired the National Alumni Council Board of Trustees of the National Medical Fellowships
11 and completed a six-year term on the Rutgers University Board of Trustees in 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as the 113th President of the National Medical Association;
13 in 2006, he was selected by his peers as the NMA Physician of the Year in Houston during
14 the Hurricane Katrina crisis; he was selected Outstanding Faculty Member at the University
15 of Texas Houston and American Medical Association Co-Chairman of the Commission to
16 End Health Disparities, 2012-2013; in 2022, Dr. Bailey received the National Medical
17 Association Ernest Y. Williams M.D. Clinical Scholars of Distinction Award; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn Bailey's work has been seminal in assisting communities in
19 caring for patients' health, developing strategies to improve their health paradigms, and
20 working to enhance the lives of young professionals.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby acknowledge with gratitude and commend Dr. Rahn Bailey for his outstanding
23 achievements in the field of psychiatry, contributions to healthcare that have improved the
24 quality of life of African Americans, and service to the residents of Louisiana and
25 congratulate him on being the recipient of the 2024 Solomon Carter Fuller Award.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr.
27 Rahn Bailey.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

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