

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Thomas Luke, fourth year medical student at LSU Health New Orleans, for his laudable year of service as a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors while also serving as student body president and completing his medical education.

WHEREAS, Thomas Luke, a proud Louisiana native born in Lafayette, has exemplified outstanding dedication, leadership, and service throughout his academic and professional endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Luke graduated Summa Cum Laude from Louisiana State University in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology, along with minors in psychology and theatre, demonstrating his commitment to academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, during his time at LSU, Thomas contributed significantly as an LSU Ambassador, a supplemental instructor for chemistry and physics, and a dedicated student worker in the Office of the Dean of Students, showcasing his multifaceted talents and passion for student engagement; and

WHEREAS, Thomas is currently a fourth-year medical student at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) in New Orleans, pursuing a dual degree in medicine and public health with a concentration in behavioral and community health sciences, showcasing his commitment to both medical care and public health advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Luke has served with distinction as the 2023-2024 LSUHSC-New Orleans School of Medicine Student Body President, demonstrating exemplary leadership and dedication to the student community; and

WHEREAS, in his first year of medical school, Thomas directed Camp Tiger, a week-long camp for children with disabilities, and founded an advocacy group for queer youth, demonstrating his commitment to inclusivity and social justice; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Luke has been instrumental in directing various advocacy initiatives, including reproductive advocacy training with The Southern Center for Adolescent and Young Adult Health Equity, Day with the Doctors with Louisiana Area Health Education Centers, and the revival of Family Day for the LSUHSC-New Orleans School of Medicine after three years, showcasing his commitment to healthcare equity and education; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Luke's excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion, and dedication to service has been recognized by LSUHSC, culminating in his recent induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society, reflecting his commitment to compassionate patient care; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Luke has demonstrated a clear vision for his future, intending to specialize in Obstetrics and Gynecology through residency, pursue a fellowship in a surgical subspecialty, remain active in the public health sphere, and participate in academic medicine, exemplifying his dedication to advancing healthcare and education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Thomas Luke for his laudable year of service as a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors while also serving as student body president and completing his medical education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Thomas Luke as an expression of the State Senate's admiration and appreciation for his outstanding contributions to the LSU community and the field of healthcare.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE