

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing on reaching its 90th anniversary of educating nurses of all levels, programs, and specialties.

WHEREAS, the LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing has a rich history of excellence and dedication to nursing education, practice, research, and public service; and

WHEREAS, the School of Nursing was established in 1929 within the Louisiana State University (LSU) System on the Baton Rouge campus, marking the formal beginning of nursing education in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1937, the Department of Nursing transferred to the School of Medicine in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, over the decades, the School of Nursing has evolved and expanded its programs, including the approval of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education (BSN Ed.) in 1933 and the conferral of the first BSN Ed. degree in 1935; and

WHEREAS, the School of Nursing has been a pioneer in nursing education, with milestones such as its initial membership in the National League for Nursing in 1955 and the accreditation of its nursing programs by the Louisiana State Board of Nurse Examiners; and

WHEREAS, the School of Nursing has consistently demonstrated its commitment to innovation and excellence, including the establishment of master's and doctoral nursing programs, accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and the initiation of specialized concentrations such as Nurse Anesthesia and Nurse-Midwifery; and

WHEREAS, the School of Nursing has played a vital role in advancing nursing practice and scholarship, fostering interprofessional collaboration, and promoting a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion in healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the School of Nursing's mission to provide leadership and excellence in nursing education, practice, research, and public service has had a profound impact on the nursing profession and the health care delivery system at local, state, national, and global levels.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing on reaching its 90th anniversary of educating nurses and recognizes its significant contributions to nursing education, healthcare innovation, and the well-being of communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing Dean Demetrius J. Porche in appreciation for the school's achievements and ongoing dedication to excellence in nursing.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE