

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 141

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Rahn Bailey, M.D., on being named by the American Psychiatric Association as the 2024 Solomon Carter Fuller Award recipient.

WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Foundation has selected Rahn Baily, MD, DLFAPA, ACP, Professor and Chair of Psychiatry at LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine, as the recipient of the 2024 Solomon Carter Fuller Award; and

WHEREAS, according to the APA Foundation, The Solomon Carter Fuller Award, established in 1969 and named for Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller, recognized as the first black psychiatrist in America, honors a black citizen who has pioneered in an area that has significantly improved the quality of life for black people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey has made numerous contributions to the field of psychiatry; he is the assistant dean of community engagement at LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine; prior to joining the LSU Health New Orleans faculty, he was chairman of psychiatry at Meharry Medical College, Wake Forest Medical School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey's early research focused on psychotic disorders/SPMI, grew to include depressive illness/bipolar mood D/O, and expanded to forensic topics, competency, confidentiality, and risk management; he is currently focused on health disparities, healthcare reform, and violence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey has eighty-six peer-reviewed publications in more than twenty refereed journals, and he has published three books covering health disparities, gun violence, and intimate partner violence; he is an advocate for change; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey served as the 113th President of the National Medical Association; in 2006, he was selected by his peers as the NMA Physician of the Year in Houston during the Hurricane Katrina crisis; he was named Outstanding Faculty Member at the University of Texas at Houston and was presented with the National Medical Association's Ernest Y. Williams, M.D., Clinical Scholars of Distinction Award in 2022; his work has been seminal in assisting communities in caring for patients' health, developing strategies to improve their health paradigms, and working to enhance the lives of young professionals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Rahn Bailey, M.D., on being named by the American Psychiatric Association as the 2024 Solomon Carter Fuller Award recipient and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES