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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATORS MORRIS, CATHEY AND LUNEAU AND REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and honors Dr. Leslie K. "Les" Guice, President of Louisiana Tech University, on his retirement and recognizes his many accomplishments during his career.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend and honor Dr. Leslie K. "Les" Guice on his retirement as President of
3	Louisiana Tech University and to recognize his many accomplishments during his
4	career.
5	WHEREAS, Dr. Les Guice, a Louisiana native, and his wife, Kathy, are the proud
6	parents of three sons, Kyle, Chad, and Bret, and three grandchildren, Christopher and twins
7	Everly and Elizabeth; and
8	WHEREAS, Les Guice first stepped foot on the campus of Louisiana Tech
9	University as an undergraduate student in 1972 and after graduating from Louisiana Tech
10	with a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1976 and a master's degree in civil engineering
11	in 1978, he accepted a position as an assistant professor of civil engineering at Louisiana
12	Tech and was promoted to associate professor in 1981; and
13	WHEREAS, Dr. Les Guice earned a Ph.D. in civil engineering from Texas A&M in
14	1986, and a few years later, he was named the interim department head of civil engineering
15	in Louisiana Tech's College of Engineering and earned the permanent department head
16	position and full professorship in 1989; and
17	WHEREAS, as department head, Dr. Guice initiated the formation of the Civil
18	Engineering Advisory Board and the Civil Engineering Distinguished Alumni recognition

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program, both of which significantly enhanced alumni participation and fundraising for the department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guice's passion for teaching and education earned him distinction
within the university and a number of accolades and leadership positions, and in 1999, Dr.
Guice's dedication to his students, colleagues, and university led to his appointment as dean
of the Louisiana Tech College of Engineering and Science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guice's accomplishments and innovations while dean of the College
of Engineering and Science led to his appointment as vice president for research and
development in 2004, and the title of executive vice president in 2012; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Dr. Guice led the establishment of Louisiana Tech's
 first two technology incubators, the Rawle Center and Humana Enterprise Center, and
 Louisiana Tech significantly increased its innovative productivity and established strong
 industry partnerships for the commercialization of technologies; and

WHEREAS, following a national search and a series of public forums and interviews, the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Dr. Guice as Louisiana Tech's 14th president in December 2012, and on April 8, 2013, the investiture of Dr. Guice and the official conferral of office and authority took place; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Les Guice's continued focus on the future and his progressive vision
 for economic development led to the planning and development of the Louisiana Tech
 Enterprise Campus - a research park connecting the university with downtown Ruston and
 industries throughout north Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, outside of his academic career, Dr. Guice has served as the Founding
Chair for the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative, Chair of the Louisiana EPSCoR
Committee, Chair of the Board of Regents Master Plan Research Advisory Council, Chair
of the Louisiana Innovation Council, Vice Chair of Conference USA Board of Directors,
member of the Governor's Cyber Commission, and member of the Committee of 100 of
Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guice's recognitions include the 2009 Robert E. Russ Award from
the Ruston/Lincoln Parish Chamber of Commerce, the 2008 Outstanding Civil Engineer
from the ASCE Louisiana Section, the 2007 Louisiana Tech University Civil Engineering

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1	Distinguished Alumnus, the 2007 Louisiana Engineering Society James M. Todd
2	Technology Accomplishment Award, the 2006 Governor's University Technology Leader
3	of the Year Award, and the 2004 Louisiana Engineering Society A.B. Patterson Medal for
4	an Engineer in Management.
5	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6	commend and honor Dr. Leslie K. Guice on his retirement as President of Louisiana Tech
7	University and recognize his many accomplishments during his career.
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr.
9	Leslie K. "Les" Guice.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Kathy Liberty.

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