

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY SENATOR HARRIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Jeffrey Carter and the LSU Health New Orleans burn team for their outstanding leadership in advancing burn and blast injury care, and to recognize their recent \$9.7 million Department of Defense grant supporting innovative research and field training that will improve outcomes for both military and civilian trauma victims.

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeffrey Carter, professor of surgery at LSU Health New Orleans and director of the Burn Center at University Medical Center in New Orleans, leads a highly skilled and dedicated team committed to advancing the science and care of burn injuries; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Health burn team was recently awarded \$9.7 million by the United States Department of Defense to enhance treatment protocols for burn and blast injuries sustained during military conflicts and civilian disasters; and

WHEREAS, burn and trauma patients are often transported long distances by train, truck, or car to reach medical care, resulting in critical delays in treatment that can significantly impact outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter and his team are working to bridge this gap by developing practical, life-saving tools and training for first responders, equipping them with the ability to clean, clear, depressurize, and dress wounds in the field - actions that can mean the difference between a skin graft and an amputation; and

WHEREAS, in service to those who serve, Dr. Carter and his team have prioritized care for active-duty military personnel who often suffer complex burn injuries in combat zones, and have extended their expertise globally by training battlefield medical professionals in Ukraine on the latest techniques in burn and trauma care; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Health burn team has pioneered groundbreaking technologies, including a revolutionary "spray-on skin" therapy that accelerates wound healing and promotes restoration of natural pigmentation, improving both physical recovery and quality of life for patients; and

WHEREAS, this important work not only elevates Louisiana's reputation as a leader in trauma and burn care but also strengthens our nation's readiness to respond to emergencies and protect those who risk their lives in defense of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Senate is proud to recognize and celebrate the innovative spirit, humanitarian outreach, and medical excellence of Dr. Carter and the LSU Health New Orleans burn team.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Jeffrey Carter and the LSU Health New Orleans burn team on their Department of Defense grant award and expresses its gratitude for their exceptional contributions to military medicine, public health, and trauma recovery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Jeffrey Carter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE