

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 205

BY SENATOR PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dr. Benjamin Sachs, dean of the School of Medicine, for his leadership and activities at Tulane University School of Medicine.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Benjamin Sachs for his tremendous contribution to education and  
3 leadership at Tulane University School of Medicine and for his service as dean of the  
4 School of Medicine.

5 WHEREAS, as a native of London and the son of Holocaust survivors, Dr. Benjamin  
6 Sachs graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, now Imperial College,  
7 London and earned a degree in public health at the University of Toronto; and

8 WHEREAS, prior to moving to New Orleans, Dr. Sachs served as professor of  
9 obstetrics and gynecology at Harvard Medical School for twenty-nine years and chairman  
10 of obstetrics and gynecology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston,  
11 Massachusetts; and

12 WHEREAS, in an interview Dr. Sachs, stated that the prospect of helping Tulane and  
13 the city of New Orleans rebuild after hurricanes Katrina and Rita had been a major factor in  
14 persuading him to accept the position as dean of the School of Medicine in November, 2007;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, during his tenure at Tulane, Dean Sachs recruited nineteen new leaders,  
17 including ten department heads while applications to the medical school have increased by  
18 forty-seven percent and the entrance examination scores for students entering the medical

1 school have increased significantly, and federally funded research has increased by fifteen  
2 percent; and

3 WHEREAS, Dean Sachs is a true humanitarian, showing compassion for his fellow  
4 man and the underprivileged, has helped launch a network of clinics delivering primary and  
5 preventative care to people in some of Boston's poorest neighborhoods and continued to  
6 assist the delivery of care in New Orleans in conjunction with Dr. Karen DeSalvo at Tulane  
7 University; and

8 WHEREAS, this service network of clinics gained national attention garnering  
9 support for funding and collaboration from Johnson & Johnson, Qatar, LSU, the Daughters  
10 of Charity, Xavier University, Loyola University, Delgado Community College's Charity  
11 School of Nursing, and the federal government; and

12 WHEREAS, by 2010 this network of clinics was treating over 200,000 people every  
13 year; and

14 WHEREAS, in honor of the clinic's achievement, Tulane's medical school received  
15 the Spencer Foreman Award, one of the highest honors bestowed by the Association of  
16 American Medical Colleges, which represents 150 medical schools in the United States and  
17 Canada; and

18 WHEREAS, Dean Sachs has been a real champion for helping leaders in the  
19 community recognize the value of primary medical care to the underprivileged and the entire  
20 community.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
22 does hereby commend Dr. Benjamin Sachs, dean of the Tulane University School of  
23 Medicine, for his tremendous contribution to the practice of medicine, medical education,  
24 Tulane University and the state of Louisiana.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dean  
26 Benjamin Sachs.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. Ashley Mitchell.

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DIGEST

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