

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Webb has also expanded the university's outreach by spearheading
2 the development at NSU of the largest electronic education and distance learning network
3 of any university in Louisiana as the university offers courses and thirty-four accredited
4 degree programs to students across the nation and world through Internet and compressed
5 video and several university online programs have been rated as being among the best buys
6 in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, millions of dollars have been obtained during his presidency for new
8 and renovated facilities with new facilities including the Wellness, Recreation and Activity
9 Center, Student Services Center, University Place I and II residence halls while Morrison
10 Hall, the Family and Consumer Sciences Building, Williamson Hall, Russell Hall and
11 Caspari Hall have been completely renovated and restored; and

12 WHEREAS, Northwestern State University has achieved Tier I status in the United
13 State News and World Report ranking of regional universities on two occasions and the
14 master's program in nursing was rated as one of the Top 100; and

15 WHEREAS, a new Doctor of Nursing Practice program was created along with a
16 Post Master's Certificate in Global Security and Intelligence and a master's in homeland
17 security and the university has added new undergraduate academic programs in theatre,
18 criminal justice, unified public safety administration, organizational leadership, addiction
19 studies, liberal arts, general studies, communication, and allied health; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Webb has held positions of leadership at the national level in
21 intercollegiate athletics, serving as chair of the board of directors of the Southland
22 Conference and as a member of the prestigious NCAA Executive Council and the NCAA
23 Division I Board of Directors that oversee all major policy decisions by the governing body
24 for major college sports, while also serving as the Southland Conference representative on
25 the NCAA Presidential Advisory Group; and

26 WHEREAS, he has been active in the community as a member of the board of
27 directors of the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Association for
28 the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches, the Natchitoches Historic Foundation, the
29 Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society, Rotary Club, and the First Baptist Church;
30 and

1 WHEREAS, Randall Webb and his wife Brenda have two daughters, both honor
2 graduates of Northwestern who are each married to former NSU student-athletes.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 commend Dr. Randall J. Webb for his outstanding accomplishments upon his retirement as
5 president of Northwestern State University, does hereby record for posterity his
6 commitment, contributions, and remarkable service as president, does hereby express
7 enduring gratitude for his extraordinary contributions, and does hereby extend to him best
8 wishes for full measures of success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr.
10 Randall J. Webb.

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

DIGEST

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