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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 121

## BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON AND SENATOR HEITMEIER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Don Gregory on 36 years of outstanding service and dedication to the citizens of the state of La. on the occasion of his retirement from the La. Dept. of Health and Hospitals

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend Mr. Don Gregory on his thirty-six years of outstanding service and dedication
3	to the citizens of the state of Louisiana and to congratulate him on the occasion of
4	his retirement from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH).
5	WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory is a native of Jonesboro, Louisiana; and
6	WHEREAS, in 1973, Mr. Gregory received his bachelor's degree in management
7	from Louisiana Tech University; and
8	WHEREAS, in 1976, Mr. Gregory began his service to the state of Louisiana in
9	DHH's Medicaid program; and
10	WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory subsequently held several positions within the state
11	Medicaid program, including program integrity section chief, a position he held for ten
12	years, as well as director of field operations and deputy Medicaid director; and
13	WHEREAS, in the ensuing years, Mr. Gregory's wealth of knowledge, innovative
14	ideas, and expertise led to other executive management positions within the department; and
15	WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Gregory was appointed to the position of deputy assistant
16	secretary in the office of aging and adult services within DHH; and
17	WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory currently serves as the Medicaid director for DHH; and
18	WHEREAS, in that position, Mr. Gregory has provided DHH and the Medicaid
19	program with dedicated service that has resulted in a substantial increase in the availability
20	and accessibility of health care for Louisiana citizens; and

1	WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory's leadership was essential to the expansion of Louisiana
2	Medicaid to include more Louisiana citizens and more efficient delivery of medical services
3	to those in need; and
4	WHEREAS, in addition to his duties at DHH, Mr. Gregory served for nine years as
5	chairman of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Fraud and Abuse
6	Control Technical Advisory Group (TAG), having been appointed to this position by the
7	National Association of State Medicaid Directors; and
8	WHEREAS, this group exists to advise the Medicaid directors and CMS on matters
9	related to fraud and abuse control; and
10	WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory is also the past president of the National Association of
11	Program Integrity Officials, which is an association of state Medicaid program integrity
12	officials; and
13	WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory has been married for thirty-nine years to the former Vickie
14	Wyatt, and they have two grown daughters, Angela and Julie; and
15	WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory has not only dedicated his life to bettering the health and
16	welfare of the citizens of Louisiana, but he has also touched the lives of those who have been
17	privileged to learn from, work with, and know him; and
18	WHEREAS, although he is retiring, his impact on the health and welfare systems of
19	Louisiana will continue for many years to come, and he will be sorely missed.
20	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21	acknowledge with gratitude and commend Don Gregory for his outstanding service of thirty-
22	six years to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and to the citizens of
23	Louisiana and congratulate and wish him well on the occasion of his retirement.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
25	to Don Gregory.

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## **DIGEST**

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