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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 121

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON AND SENATOR HEITMEIER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mr. Don Gregory on his thirty-six years of outstanding service and dedication to the citizens of the state of Louisiana and to congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH).

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory is a native of Jonesboro, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Mr. Gregory received his bachelor's degree in management from Louisiana Tech University; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Mr. Gregory began his service to the state of Louisiana in DHH's Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory subsequently held several positions within the state Medicaid program, including program integrity section chief, a position he held for ten years, as well as director of field operations and deputy Medicaid director; and

WHEREAS, in the ensuing years, Mr. Gregory's wealth of knowledge, innovative ideas, and expertise led to other executive management positions within the department; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Gregory was appointed to the position of deputy assistant secretary in the office of aging and adult services within DHH; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory currently serves as the Medicaid director for DHH; and

WHEREAS, in that position, Mr. Gregory has provided DHH and the Medicaid program with dedicated service that has resulted in a substantial increase in the availability and accessibility of health care for Louisiana citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory's leadership was essential to the expansion of Louisiana Medicaid to include more Louisiana citizens and more efficient delivery of medical services to those in need; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties at DHH, Mr. Gregory served for nine years as chairman of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Fraud and Abuse

Control Technical Advisory Group (TAG), having been appointed to this position by the National Association of State Medicaid Directors; and

WHEREAS, this group exists to advise the Medicaid directors and CMS on matters related to fraud and abuse control; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory is also the past president of the National Association of Program Integrity Officials, which is an association of state Medicaid program integrity officials; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory has been married for thirty-nine years to the former Vickie Wyatt, and they have two grown daughters, Angela and Julie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory has not only dedicated his life to bettering the health and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana, but he has also touched the lives of those who have been privileged to learn from, work with, and know him; and

WHEREAS, although he is retiring, his impact on the health and welfare systems of Louisiana will continue for many years to come, and he will be sorely missed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby acknowledge with gratitude and commend Don Gregory for his outstanding service of thirty-six years to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and to the citizens of Louisiana and congratulate and wish him well on the occasion of his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Don Gregory.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE