

First Extraordinary Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Southern University Board of Supervisors to name the administration building at Southern University at New Orleans in honor of former chancellor Dr. Emmett W. Bashful.

WHEREAS, Dr. Emmett W. Bashful, former chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), died on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at the age of ninety-three; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pointe Coupee Parish, Dr. Bashful grew up in Baton Rouge and graduated from Southern University in 1940, taught public school in Allen Parish for one year, was a businessman, and served with valor in the United States Army from 1942 until 1946; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bashful later taught political science at Florida A&M University and also taught political science for one year at his alma mater before being asked in 1959 by Southern president Felton G. Clark to open the New Orleans campus of Southern University; and

WHEREAS, from 1959 until 1987, Dr. Bashful served with great distinction as dean, vice president, and ultimately chancellor of SUNO, the first person to hold this vital position, and after his retirement, he served as chancellor emeritus; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Bashful's superb leadership and direction, SUNO, which began with one building and one hundred fifty-eight students, grew tremendously, adding hundreds of course offerings and many buildings; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his highly productive career, Dr. Bashful received numerous honors and awards, and in recognition of his singular contributions, a block of Robert E. Lee Boulevard was named Emmett W. Bashful Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the memory of Dr. Bashful will long continue to be a source of tremendous pride for his family, his friends, SUNO, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in order to pay tribute to him for a distinguished career of excellence in higher education and to recognize his momentous contributions and achievements, it is appropriate that the SUNO administration building be named in honor of Dr. Emmett W. Bashful.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Southern University Board of Supervisors to name the administration building at Southern University at New Orleans in honor of former chancellor Dr. Emmett W. Bashful.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the Southern University Board of Supervisors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE