

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 150

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Pennington Biomedical Research Center on its thirtieth anniversary

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Pennington Biomedical Research Center on its thirtieth anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, Louisiana State University's Pennington Biomedical Research Center
4 began with a vision of the late Louisiana philanthropist Claude B. "Doc" Pennington to build
5 the biggest and best nutritional research facility in the nation, a vision supported by the
6 generous donation of Claude B. and Irene Pennington; and

7 WHEREAS, by 1989, Pennington Biomedical had signed a \$3.5 million research
8 agreement with the U.S. Army, and over its three decades, the center has secured more than
9 \$80 million to conduct one hundred thirty research studies for the U.S. Department of
10 Defense and continues to meet the nutritional needs of our nation's soldiers; and

11 WHEREAS, through research that includes collaborative efforts with public and
12 private institutions and that is designed to enhance Louisiana's research infrastructure, the
13 faculty and staff of Pennington Biomedical continue to work toward its mission "to discover
14 the triggers of chronic diseases through innovative research that improves human health
15 across the lifespan"; and

16 WHEREAS, the research faculty at Pennington Biomedical rank among the world's
17 research elite, annually winning major competitive grants to fund their work, with each
18 faculty member bringing in an average of six hundred thirty thousand dollars annually; and

19 WHEREAS, over the span of three decades, the state of Louisiana has appropriated
20 \$257 million for Pennington Biomedical's basic operating expenses and Pennington

1 Biomedical faculty members have generated \$826 million in extramural funding, making
2 Pennington Biomedical an economic engine for the state of Louisiana; and

3 WHEREAS, Pennington Biomedical's research findings are among the most quoted
4 in scientific literature; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennington Biomedical is a world-renowned institution with ongoing
6 clinical research trials that involve Louisiana participants and that test ground-breaking new
7 treatments for obesity and diabetes; Pennington Biomedical has participated in the
8 development of medications within every class of pharmaceuticals available to treat
9 diabetes, which is an epidemic in Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, 2018 marks Pennington Biomedical Research Center's thirtieth
11 anniversary; it is appropriate to acknowledge the history of this Louisiana resource as faculty
12 and staff continue their dedicated work to achieve "Doc" Pennington's vision.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the many accomplishments of Pennington
15 Biomedical Research Center during its thirty years of service and does hereby publicly
16 document profound gratitude of the House of Representatives to Claude B. and Irene
17 Pennington for their generous philanthropy which established Pennington Biomedical
18 Research Center and continues to support this world-class research facility.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
20 to the executive director of LSU's Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

DIGEST

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Commends LSU's Pennington Biomedical Research Center on its 30th anniversary.