

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Daniel D. and Mrs. Linda Reneau upon his retirement as President of
3 Louisiana Tech University and to recognize and record their myriad
4 accomplishments and remarkable contributions to the university and the Louisiana
5 education community.

6 WHEREAS, upon the occasion of his retirement, it is appropriate to commend and
7 congratulate Dr. Daniel D. Reneau for his notable achievements and his contributions to
8 Louisiana Tech University, higher education in Louisiana, and the education community;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau has served Louisiana Tech with integrity for over fifty years
11 as a student leader, professor, department head, and president; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau is originally from Woodville, Mississippi, and graduated
13 from Louisiana Tech University with two degrees in chemical engineering, a bachelor's in
14 1963 and a master's in 1964, and earned his Ph.D. in 1966 from Clemson University; and

15 WHEREAS, after living in South Carolina for a few years, Dr. Reneau and his wife,
16 Linda, returned to Louisiana Tech University in 1967 after he accepted a teaching position
17 with the university; and

18 WHEREAS, after only five years as a professor, Dr. Reneau established the
19 university's Department of Biomedical Engineering, only the fifth undergraduate program
20 of its kind in the nation, and was named the first head of the department; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1987, Dr. Reneau was selected by the University of Louisiana
22 Systems board as the thirteenth president of Louisiana Tech University; and

23 WHEREAS, during his exceptional service to the education community, Dr. Reneau
24 published extensively in areas of higher education administration and made presentations
25 numerous times on this and other subjects at conferences around the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau has been recognized by the Rehabilitation Engineering
2 Society of North America, the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineers, the
3 National Federation of the Blind, and Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society and other
4 prestigious organizations during his tenure as president for his outstanding leadership and
5 contributions as an academician; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau has a deep passion for and commitment to Louisiana Tech
7 University and even in his retirement, he plans to continue his work on its behalf, and
8 although Dr. Reneau is retiring, his impact on the education systems of Louisiana will
9 continue for many years to come; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Linda Digby Reneau has been a most gracious first lady of
11 Louisiana Tech University, representing her husband and the university with dignity, grace,
12 and hospitality, and the students of the university have been extremely fortunate to have her
13 as an advocate and champion; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau will be profoundly missed at Louisiana Tech for his
15 remarkable leadership and intellect and all of the incomparable gifts and talents that he has
16 displayed in his service to Louisiana Tech, and he will continue to bring deep pride to the
17 state and all of its citizens as a dignified scholar and a true gentleman whose loyalty and
18 dedication to Louisiana Tech have been inspiring and unwavering; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau merits highest commendation for the indelible mark he has
20 left on Louisiana Tech University and its students, faculty, and staff as a truly exemplary
21 educator and public servant; and

22 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana sincerely wishes to acknowledge Dr. Dan
23 Reneau and his wife Linda for the many contributions they have made to the education
24 community, and to record their many accomplishments during the course of his highly
25 effective career, a career that reflects a true commitment to education and provides a source
26 of inspiration for those seeking to pursue educational careers in the future.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 commend Dr. Dan Reneau upon his retirement as president of Louisiana Tech University
29 after many years of formative service and does recognize and record his notable
30 achievements and manifold contributions to the education community, his students, the

1 citizens of Ruston, and the state of Louisiana, and does also commend Linda Reneau for her
2 exceptional service to the university.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
4 Dr. Dan and Mrs. Linda Reneau.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES