

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of an exceptional physician, Isaac "Ike" Muslow, MD, and to commend his lifetime of dedication to the advancement of healthcare and internal medicine instruction.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of a distinguished gentleman, educator, and renowned internist, Dr. Isaac "Ike" Muslow, on January 18, 2020, at the age of ninety-three; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow was greatly admired for the breadth of his diagnostic skill and his wealth of clinical expertise in the practice of internal medicine; he was much admired by his students, patients, and colleagues who marveled at his bedside manner; and

WHEREAS, born in Oil City, Louisiana, on April 4, 1926, to parents Sylvia and Harry Muslow, Ike was educated at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Centenary College of Louisiana, and LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans; he continued his medical training with an internship at Charity Hospital of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, Dr. Muslow served his country as a medical officer in the United States Air Force; he then attended medical residency at Georgetown University Hospital and concluded it with a return to Charity Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow became fully immersed in all facets of medical care; he became an instructor at the LSU School of Medicine, director of the kidney station at Charity Hospital, and an attending physician at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi; and he was instrumental in the development of the first fellowship dialysis program in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, he returned to Shreveport to establish a private practice and to act as an attending physician and consultant at the VA Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, he was appointed as Administrative Director of the Department

of Internal Medicine at Confederate Memorial Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, he established the kidney dialysis unit at Willis-Knighton Medical Center in 1970, the first of its kind in the region, and directed the continuing education program for medical personnel; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow began a lengthy career at the LSU School of Medicine by accepting the position as head of the Department of Family Medicine and Comprehensive Care where he successfully won approval for the establishment of a medical residency program that encompassed all of the Shreveport area hospitals; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, he began his tenure as dean and vice chancellor of the medical school; during this time, Confederate Memorial successfully merged with LSU Medical School to become LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport, LSUHSC-S; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, there was a refinement in the methodology of medical specialties, such as burn treatment, organ transplant, neurosurgery, and trauma; and

WHEREAS, at LSUHSC-S, centers of excellence were established in the advanced studies of cancer research, rheumatology, and toxicology; there was continued expansion in other specialties which led to new construction for the Ambulatory Care Clinic, the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, the Women and Children's Outpatient Clinic, the Radiation Therapy Center which housed the first Gamma Knife Radiosurgery technology in the state, the School of Allied Health Professions, and the Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow envisioned a bright future for LSUHSC-S; these lofty goals included the offering of extraordinary educational options for healthcare professionals and extensive life-saving medical research that would enhance public health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, he was elemental in the establishment of the LSU Health Sciences Foundation, a nonprofit funding resource, in perpetuity, for the sole benefit of LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow considered medical academia to be his true calling and for more than fifty years he taught a plethora of eager medical residents and mentored countless others; he reviewed cases and offered sage advice that had been gleaned from years of clinical pathology, treatment protocol, and institutional knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow had been an active member of many distinguished medical

organizations, such as the Federation of State Board of Nursing Examiners, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and had served as its chairman, the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board in Internal Medicine, and the Public Solicitation Review Council and had served as its president; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Isaac Muslow received many well-deserved accolades that included receipt of the 2017 Community Hero award from LSUHSC-S, the Distinguished Service award from the Shreveport Medical Society and the Louisiana State Medical Society, an endowed chair that bears his name at LSUHSC-S, and recognition from the American Heart Association and Junior Achievement; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of his career as dean of LSUHSC-S, his "first" retirement occurred in June 2000, then on July 1 of the same year, he began instructing physicians in residence and treating patients at the VA Hospital until his "second" retirement in 2015; and

WHEREAS, when Ike indulged in leisure time, he would play tennis or pursue his love of gardening; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his commitment to his profession, he was a lifelong member of Augudath Achim, a member of B'nai Zion Congregation, and chairman of the Jewish Federation Fundraising Drive; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow is survived by his wife of sixty-three years, Berte; their children, Katherine M. Koepfel (Peter), Harry A. Muslow (Susan), and Jonathan H. Muslow (Elena); eleven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of friends, colleagues, former patients, and medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, his pursuit of excellence, strength of character, critical thinking, and love of learning made him one of the greatest diagnostic physicians of all time; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Muslow was revered as a man of impeccable character and critical thinking, and as an exceptional educator who seized every opportunity for its application as a "teachable" moment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Isaac Muslow was a remarkable human being, a consummate physician, diagnostician, and educator in the complex realm of the healing arts; he was an icon, a legend, a mentor, and a friend.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the passing of Isaac "Ike" Muslow, MD, and does hereby commend his legacy of hard work, high ethics, and compassion that he leaves to LSUHSC-S and the medical community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Mrs. Berte A. Muslow.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES