

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATORS MORRIS, CATHEY AND LUNEAU AND REPRESENTATIVE  
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and honor Dr. Leslie K. "Les" Guice on his retirement as President of Louisiana Tech University and to recognize his many accomplishments during his career.

WHEREAS, Dr. Les Guice, a Louisiana native, and his wife, Kathy, are the proud parents of three sons, Kyle, Chad, and Bret, and three grandchildren, Christopher and twins Everly and Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, Les Guice first stepped foot on the campus of Louisiana Tech University as an undergraduate student in 1972 and after graduating from Louisiana Tech with a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1976 and a master's degree in civil engineering in 1978, he accepted a position as an assistant professor of civil engineering at Louisiana Tech and was promoted to associate professor in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Les Guice earned a Ph.D. in civil engineering from Texas A&M in 1986, and a few years later, he was named the interim department head of civil engineering in Louisiana Tech's College of Engineering and earned the permanent department head position and full professorship in 1989; and

WHEREAS, as department head, Dr. Guice initiated the formation of the Civil Engineering Advisory Board and the Civil Engineering Distinguished Alumni recognition program, both of which significantly enhanced alumni participation and fundraising for the department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guice's passion for teaching and education earned him distinction within the university and a number of accolades and leadership positions, and in 1999, Dr.

Guice's dedication to his students, colleagues, and university led to his appointment as dean of the Louisiana Tech College of Engineering and Science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guice's accomplishments and innovations while dean of the College of Engineering and Science led to his appointment as vice president for research and development in 2004, and the title of executive vice president in 2012; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Dr. Guice led the establishment of Louisiana Tech's first two technology incubators, the Rawle Center and Humana Enterprise Center, and Louisiana Tech significantly increased its innovative productivity and established strong industry partnerships for the commercialization of technologies; and

WHEREAS, following a national search and a series of public forums and interviews, the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Dr. Guice as Louisiana Tech's 14th president in December 2012, and on April 8, 2013, the investiture of Dr. Guice and the official conferral of office and authority took place; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Les Guice's continued focus on the future and his progressive vision for economic development led to the planning and development of the Louisiana Tech Enterprise Campus - a research park connecting the university with downtown Ruston and industries throughout north Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, outside of his academic career, Dr. Guice has served as the Founding Chair for the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative, Chair of the Louisiana EPSCoR Committee, Chair of the Board of Regents Master Plan Research Advisory Council, Chair of the Louisiana Innovation Council, Vice Chair of Conference USA Board of Directors, member of the Governor's Cyber Commission, and member of the Committee of 100 of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guice's recognitions include the 2009 Robert E. Russ Award from the Ruston/Lincoln Parish Chamber of Commerce, the 2008 Outstanding Civil Engineer from the ASCE Louisiana Section, the 2007 Louisiana Tech University Civil Engineering Distinguished Alumnus, the 2007 Louisiana Engineering Society James M. Todd Technology Accomplishment Award, the 2006 Governor's University Technology Leader of the Year Award, and the 2004 Louisiana Engineering Society A.B. Patterson Medal for an Engineer in Management.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and honor Dr. Leslie K. Guice on his retirement as President of Louisiana Tech University and recognizes his many accomplishments during his career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Leslie K. "Les" Guice.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES