

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 141

BY SENATOR MURRAY

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health Professions for forty years of exemplary health care education in the professions of audiology, cardiovascular technology, clinical laboratory sciences, occupational therapy, physical therapy, rehabilitation counseling, respiratory therapy, and speech-language pathology.

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1970, the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors approved a request by the Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans to establish a School of Allied Health Professions; and

WHEREAS, at its founding, the School of Allied Health Professionals was the fifth school within the Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the School of Allied Health Professions became operational on July 1, 1970, and its first class of students was in 1971; and

WHEREAS, the School of Allied Health Professions has graduated more than six thousand health care providers, and these graduates have achieved a ninety-seven percent passing rate on professional licensure examinations; and

WHEREAS, the School of Allied Health Professions provides education in eight health care fields: audiology, cardiovascular technology, clinical laboratory sciences, occupational therapy, physical therapy, rehabilitation counseling, respiratory therapy, and speech-language pathology; and

WHEREAS, the School of Allied Health Professions also includes the Human Development Center, a member of a national network of sixty-seven University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the School of Allied Health Professions in New Orleans is to provide educational programs for students enrolled in the allied health disciplines, to contribute to the body of knowledge in the allied health sciences through research and scholarship, and to provide patient care and community outreach of the highest quality for the citizens of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2010, the School of Allied Health Professions had their highest student enrollment, with four hundred four students, in the past forty years; and

WHEREAS, student enrollment at the School of Allied Health Professions has increased by fifty-one percent since the spring of 2005 and sixty-three percent since the spring of 2006; and

WHEREAS, student applicants to the School of Allied Health Professions have increased by twenty-four percent since 2005 and one hundred twenty-three percent since 2006; and

WHEREAS, the faculty of the School of Allied Health Professions continues to expand the body of research in the areas of clinical laboratory sciences, speech-language pathology, audiology, respiratory therapy, and rehabilitation counseling; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health Professions merits a special measure of commendation for the tremendous honor and pride that this fine institution brings to its faculty, staff, and students, the city of New Orleans, the Louisiana State University System, and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health Professions for forty years of exemplary health care education and does hereby extend best wishes for the school's continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the dean of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health Professions.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE