

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dennis J. O'Callaghan, Ph.D., for his many accomplishments and contributions to his field.

WHEREAS, Dennis J. O'Callaghan, Ph.D., was named a Boyd Professor, the pinnacle of recognition among faculty members of Louisiana State University (LSU) and the LSU System's highest designated professorial rank; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O'Callaghan was named to the first endowed chair at the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, the Willis-Knighton Medical Center Endowed Chair in Molecular Biology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O'Callaghan has taught approximately ten thousand graduate, medical, dental, and nursing students, postdoctoral fellows, and medical residents, many of whom now have very successful careers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O'Callaghan is recognized internationally for five decades of accomplished work in the field of herpesviruses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O'Callaghan has more than two hundred peer-reviewed publications in prestigious international journals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O'Callaghan has served as professor and chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport since 1984; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O'Callaghan served as chair of numerous NIH study sections, was a founding member of the American Society for Virology, and served as president of the American Society for Virology from 2000 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O'Callaghan was elected as a fellow of the Molecular Medicine Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. O'Callaghan has been awarded more than twenty-five million dollars in federal research grants, greatly benefitting LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, through his work in herpesviruses and through the sharing of his knowledge and skills with countless others, Dr. O'Callaghan has made an indelible mark on LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, the state, the nation, and the world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dennis J. O'Callaghan, Ph.D., for his many accomplishments and contributions to his field.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dennis J. O'Callaghan, Ph.D.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE