

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Dana Carpenter, PhD, the Director of Academic Outreach: Dual Enrollment, Trio Programs, and COMPASS Testing at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana since 2016.

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter served in several capacities since first coming to Southern University in 1977, as an associate professor and coordinator of Oral Expression in the Communication Skills Center, coming from a similar program at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, where he taught from 1975; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter's experience in and dedication to the education of young people took him from the Calcasieu Parish School system to the Southern University Laboratory School in 1971, and then on to Kansas State University; and

WHEREAS, few have had a longer and more varied career in the teaching of students and of prospective teachers than did Dana Carpenter, and he touched the lives of students at every level; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter's first full professorship position at Southern University began in 1986, when he was named Professor and Director of Counseling and Advisement, Junior Division, and in this position Dr. Carpenter especially enjoyed planning and implementing the freshman orientation program for fifteen hundred to two thousand students at the beginning of each academic year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter's tenure at Southern University, prior to his most recent area of concentration, included Interim Associate Dean Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in 2015, Dean of the University College from 2012 through 2014, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of the University College from 2001 through 2013, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management/University College from 2001 through 2008, and Professor and PK-16+ Teacher Quality Coordinator from 2001 through 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dana Carpenter was also active in the area of research, grant writing and implementation of those grants, and his successful grant writing brought thousands of dollars to Southern University and other institutions for whom his ability to garner research dollars was a vital part of the operation of each institution of learning; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter was married to Barbara West Carpenter, PhD who is the state representative for District Sixty-Three in East Baton Rouge Parish, and he leaves behind a daughter and a son to mourn his passing; and

WHEREAS, the Carpenter family has established the "Dr. Dana Carpenter Scholarship" for the City of Baker School System.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Dr. Dana Carpenter of Southern University.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE