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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 310

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY HARRIS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. Eve J. Higginbotham, S.M., for her achievements

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend Dr. Eve J. Higginbotham, S.M., for her numerous achievements.
3	WHEREAS, Dr. Higginbotham serves as the vice dean for inclusion and diversity
4	of the Perelman School of Medicine, a senior fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for
5	Health Economics, and a professor of ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania; and
6	WHEREAS, a New Orleans native and graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School,
7	Dr. Higginbotham studied chemical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
8	(MIT), where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees; she went on to graduate from
9	Harvard Medical School; and
10	WHEREAS, after completing an internship in San Francisco and an ophthalmology
11	residency at Louisiana State University, she was a glaucoma fellow at Harvard; and
12	WHEREAS, Dr. Higginbotham began her illustrious career in patient care in 1985
13	serving as a practicing ophthalmologist in numerous hospitals in conjunction with
14	affiliations in medical academia; and
15	WHEREAS, in 1994, Dr. Higginbotham took on the role of chair of the
16	ophthalmology department at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore;
17	in 2000, she was elected to the Institute of Medicine; thereafter, she was dean and senior vice
18	president for academic affairs at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta; and
19	WHEREAS, in 2010, she became senior vice president and executive dean for health
20	sciences at Howard University and was appointed to a four-year term on the National Board
21	of Medical Examiners, the organization responsible for the medical licensing examination

1	in the United States; the following year, she was elected to the MIT Corporation, the school's
2	board of trustees; and
3	WHEREAS, she is secretary of the board of directors of Ascension Health and serves
4	on Ascension Health's executive, finance, and audit committees; Ascension Health is the
5	largest Catholic health system in the United States; and
6	WHEREAS, she is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, serving as a
7	member of the membership committee and section chair, and member of the American
8	Clinical and Climatological Association and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences;
9	Dr. Higginbotham is a member of the Defense Health Board of the Department of Defense
10	and the board of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society; and
11	WHEREAS, Dr. Higginbotham is a former chair of the U.S. Food and Drug
12	Administration Ophthalmic Devices Panel; she has authored over one hundred fifty peer-
13	reviewed articles and co-edited four ophthalmology textbooks; and
14	WHEREAS, she is the recipient of over three dozen honors and awards, including
15	the Women of Achievement Award from the YWCA, the Trailblazer Award from 100 Black
16	Men of Atlanta, the Distinguished Black Marylanders Award from Towson University, two
17	Woman of the Year awards from Zeta Beta Phi Sorority, Incorporated, and the American
18	Academy of Ophthalmology's Senior Achievement Award; and
19	WHEREAS, while providing patient care by serving as a practicing glaucoma
20	specialist at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Higginbotham remains active in scholarship
21	related to health policy, obesity, and surgery; her research interests include access to care,
22	disease prevention, health equity, and global health; and
23	WHEREAS, Dr. Eve J. Higginbotham, S.M., merits the highest commendation and
24	honor for her distinguished career and her invaluable contributions to the field of
25	ophthalmology.
26	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
27	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Eve J. Higginbotham, S.M., for her
28	numerous achievements; does hereby recognize and record her myriad accomplishments and
29	vital contributions to the medical field; and does extend to her best wishes in all her future
30	endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr.

2 Eve J. Higginbotham, S.M.

DIGEST

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