

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY SENATOR POPE

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Dr. William S. Wainwright on his recent appointment to become the fifteenth president of Southeastern Louisiana University and to acknowledge his many activities, contributions, and service as chancellor of Northshore Technical Community College.

WHEREAS, Dr. William S. Wainwright, a Louisiana native, and his wife, Misty, are the proud parents of Ella Grace and Zachary; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wainwright is a graduate of three member institutions of the University of Louisiana System, having earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, a Master of Education from Northwestern State University, a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of New Orleans, and was a Harvard Institute for Educational Management Fellow in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wainwright, having twenty-four years of higher education experience including twenty years in administration with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, has served as chancellor of Northshore Technical Community College since 2011, that institution's first chancellor; and

WHEREAS, prior to being named chancellor of Northshore, Dr. Wainwright's experience included service as regional director of Northshore; interim director of Delgado Community College; dean of workforce development at the Capital Area Technical College; and dean of Louisiana Technical College Hammond Area Campus; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as chancellor, Dr. Wainwright was a leader in the college's exponential growth and success, including a student enrollment that tripled; the

expansion of two additional campuses, the Lacombe Campus and the Livingston Campus; and leading Northshore Technical to becoming one of the fastest growing community colleges in the nation; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership Northshore received accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission, the body that accredits degree-granting higher education institutions in the southern states; and

WHEREAS, the Brookings Institute has recognized the Northshore Technical Community College as the top-ranked community college for having "the greatest economic value of graduates" and it was distinguished as a "Top Workplace" by NOLA.com for six consecutive years (2018 - 2023); and

WHEREAS, outside his academic career, Dr. Wainwright serves as a current board member and past president of Family Promise of St. Tammany, is the current board president of St. Tammany Parish Development District; the immediate past president of The Council of Louisiana Colleges and Universities; serves as a board member of GNO, Inc.; the Northshore Business Council; and president of COMBASE (Community-Based, a consortium of leading community and technical colleges for sharing innovative solutions to meet the challenges of our nation's changing economy); and

WHEREAS, with his academic achievement, experience, and community involvement, Dr. William S. Wainwright was appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System to become the fifteenth president of Southeastern Louisiana University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. William S. Wainwright on his appointment as president-elect of Southeastern Louisiana University and acknowledges his activities, contributions, and service as chancellor of Northshore Technical Community College.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE