

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mr. Thomas Luke for his laudable year of service as a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors while also serving as student body president and completing his medical education.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Thomas Luke, fourth year medical student at LSU Health
3 New Orleans, for his laudable year of service as a member of the LSU Board of
4 Supervisors while also serving as student body president and completing his medical
5 education.

6 WHEREAS, Thomas Luke, a proud Louisiana native born in Lafayette, has
7 exemplified outstanding dedication, leadership, and service throughout his academic and
8 professional endeavors; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Luke graduated Summa Cum Laude from Louisiana State
10 University in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology, along with minors in
11 psychology and theatre, demonstrating his commitment to academic excellence; and

12 WHEREAS, during his time at LSU, Thomas contributed significantly as an LSU
13 Ambassador, a supplemental instructor for chemistry and physics, and a dedicated student
14 worker in the Office of the Dean of Students, showcasing his multifaceted talents and
15 passion for student engagement; and

16 WHEREAS, Thomas is currently a fourth-year medical student at Louisiana State
17 University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) in New Orleans, pursuing a dual degree in
18 medicine and public health with a concentration in behavioral and community health

1 sciences, showcasing his commitment to both medical care and public health advocacy; and

2 WHEREAS, Thomas Luke has served with distinction as the 2023-2024
3 LSUHSC-New Orleans School of Medicine Student Body President, demonstrating
4 exemplary leadership and dedication to the student community; and

5 WHEREAS, in his first year of medical school, Thomas directed Camp Tiger, a
6 week-long camp for children with disabilities, and founded an advocacy group for queer
7 youth, demonstrating his commitment to inclusivity and social justice; and

8 WHEREAS, Thomas Luke has been instrumental in directing various advocacy
9 initiatives, including reproductive advocacy training with The Southern Center for
10 Adolescent and Young Adult Health Equity, Day with the Doctors with Louisiana Area
11 Health Education Centers, and the revival of Family Day for the LSUHSC-New Orleans
12 School of Medicine after three years, showcasing his commitment to healthcare equity and
13 education; and

14 WHEREAS, Thomas Luke's excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion, and
15 dedication to service has been recognized by LSUHSC, culminating in his recent induction
16 into the Gold Humanism Honor Society, reflecting his commitment to compassionate patient
17 care; and

18 WHEREAS, Thomas Luke has demonstrated a clear vision for his future, intending
19 to specialize in Obstetrics and Gynecology through residency, pursue a fellowship in a
20 surgical subspecialty, remain active in the public health sphere, and participate in academic
21 medicine, exemplifying his dedication to advancing healthcare and education.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby commend and congratulate Thomas Luke for his laudable year of service as a
24 member of the LSU Board of Supervisors while also serving as student body president and
25 completing his medical education.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
27 Thomas Luke as an expression of the State Senate's admiration and appreciation for his
28 outstanding contributions to the LSU community and the field of healthcare.

