

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 186

BY SENATORS BARROW AND SELDERS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Renita Williams Thomas, MSN, RN, upon being named the 2026 Executive of the Year by Greater Baton Rouge Business Report.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Renita Williams Thomas, MSN, RN, upon being named the
3 2026 Executive of the Year by the *Greater Baton Rouge Business Report* and to
4 recognize her exceptional leadership, compassionate service, and enduring
5 contributions to medically fragile children and families throughout Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, Renita Williams Thomas, MSN, RN, has been named the 2026
7 Executive of the Year by the *Greater Baton Rouge Business Report*; and

8 WHEREAS, she was recognized at the annual Baton Rouge Business Awards & Hall
9 of Fame gala for her mission-driven leadership and outstanding advocacy for medically
10 fragile children; and

11 WHEREAS, Renita Williams Thomas began her professional journey as a pediatric
12 nurse, and inspired by both her medical experience and her role as a mother of five, she
13 identified a critical gap in care for medically fragile children and their families in the Capital
14 Region; and

15 WHEREAS, driven by a deep commitment to serving and supporting vulnerable
16 children and their families, Renita founded "In Loving Arms Healthcare for Kids", a
17 pediatric medical daycare center dedicated to providing specialized, compassionate, and
18 skilled care in a safe, structured, and nurturing environment for children with complex

1 medical needs; and

2 WHEREAS, through her visionary leadership as president and chief executive
3 officer, "In Loving Arms Healthcare for Kids" has become an invaluable resource to
4 countless Louisiana families, easing the immense physical, emotional, and financial burdens
5 placed upon working parents and caregivers while ensuring children receive the attentive
6 care they deserve; and

7 WHEREAS, Renita Williams Thomas' unwavering integrity, profound compassion,
8 and steadfast devotion to improving the lives of children continue to inspire colleagues,
9 caregivers, families, and the broader community; and

10 WHEREAS, she has demonstrated an abiding commitment to community service,
11 including serving on the Baton Rouge Community College Foundation Board, where she
12 actively supports educational advancement and opportunities for future generations; and

13 WHEREAS, a distinguished alumna of Southern University School of Nursing,
14 Renita Williams Thomas earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1997 and a Master of
15 Science in Nursing in 2012, exemplifying the university's enduring legacy of producing
16 leaders grounded in excellence, compassion, and service; and

17 WHEREAS, her remarkable achievement of "2026 Executive of the Year", awarded
18 by the *Greater Baton Rouge Business Report*, serves as a powerful testament to what
19 purposeful leadership, dedication, and vision can accomplish in service to others.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby commend and congratulate Renita Williams Thomas, MSN, RN, upon being
22 named the 2026 Executive of the Year by the *Greater Baton Rouge Business Report* and
23 does hereby recognize her extraordinary leadership, compassionate care, and steadfast
24 commitment to medically fragile children and their families.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Renita Williams Thomas, MSN, RN.

