

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 186

BY SENATORS BARROW AND SELDERS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated an abiding commitment to community service, including serving on the Baton Rouge Community College Foundation Board, where she

actively supports educational advancement and opportunities for future generations; and

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE