

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY SENATORS KOSTELKA, ADLEY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, BROWN, BUFFINGTON, CHABERT, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, GALLOT, GUILLORY, HEITMEIER, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARTINY, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON AND SHADOIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Dr. Daniel D. "Dan" Reneau upon the occasion of his retirement as president of Louisiana Tech University and to recognize his numerous accomplishments and noteworthy contributions to his university, his community, and the state.

WHEREAS, in light of his announced and impending retirement, it is necessary and appropriate to commend Dr. Dan Reneau for a lifetime of dedication and service to Louisiana Tech University, where he has served for forty-six years with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, young Dan Reneau, a native of Woodville, Mississippi, enrolled as a student at Louisiana Tech University, where he earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in chemical engineering before earning a doctoral degree in chemical engineering from Clemson University; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his terminal degree, his passion for and dedication to his alma mater led him to return to Louisiana Tech in 1967 and join the faculty as an assistant professor of chemical engineering; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau quickly rose through the academic ranks to become an associate professor, full professor, and vice president of academic affairs, before being named as the thirteenth president of Louisiana Tech University in 1987; and

WHEREAS, while serving as faculty member in 1972, Dr. Reneau established the Department of Biomedical Engineering, a visionary move which immediately generated national attention, and the program has earned the reputation of being one of the most respected and successful programs of its kind in the country; and

WHEREAS, to recognize and encourage excellence in the field of Biomedical Engineering and Bioengineering, Dr. Reneau founded the national biomedical engineering honor society, Alpha Eta Mu Beta, in 1979, establishing the first chapter of this organization at Louisiana Tech University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau, keenly understanding the vital link between postsecondary education and economic development, established the Institute for Micromanufacturing and the Enterprise Campus Research Park, which have become a world class resource for the realization of commercially viable micro- and nano-systems; and

WHEREAS, as the longest-tenured president of Louisiana Tech University, Dr. Reneau cultivated a culture of excellence that propelled the university to designation as a Tier 1 national university by the *U.S. News and World Report* 2013 college rankings; and

WHEREAS, although Dr. Reneau's announced retirement date is June 30, 2013, the benefits of his enduring contributions to Louisiana Tech University, and the state's postsecondary education system as a whole, will be felt for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reneau's lifelong commitment to Louisiana Tech University has been fully embraced and supported by his wife, Linda Digby Reneau, and their children, John Reneau and Dana Reneau Shaw; and

WHEREAS, there is no doubt that Dan and Linda Reneau will remain an active part of the Louisiana Tech family and will forever be "Bulldogs"!

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Daniel D. "Dan" Reneau upon the occasion of his retirement as president of Louisiana Tech University, and gratefully acknowledges his forty-six years of selfless service to his students, faculty, community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Daniel D. "Dan" Reneau.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES