

1 Rapides Regional Medical Center have entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement to
2 formalize a collaboration to improve access to health care for citizens in the Alexandria and
3 Pineville area; and

4 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the need to maintain and continue proper
5 health care in the Alexandria and Pineville area, including inpatient, emergency and
6 outpatient care; and

7 WHEREAS, the Huey P. Long Medical Center currently maintains and operates
8 hospital beds for inpatient care and an active emergency department; and

9 WHEREAS, the cooperative endeavor agreement includes a provision to cease
10 inpatient care and emergency department services at the Huey P. Long Medical Center in
11 Pineville, Louisiana, which is currently operated by LSU; and

12 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes, and the cooperative endeavor agreement will
13 provide, that the inpatient and emergency department care currently provided at the Huey
14 P. Long Medical Center will be provided by CHRISTUS St. Francis Cabrini Medical Center
15 and Rapides Regional Medical Center; and

16 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes, and the cooperative endeavor agreement will
17 provide, that the outpatient services currently provided at the Huey P. Long Medical Center
18 are being transferred to the new outpatient clinics provided by CHRISTUS St. Francis
19 Cabrini Medical Center and Rapides Regional Medical Center; and

20 WHEREAS, in accordance with the cooperative endeavor agreement, CHRISTUS
21 St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center and Rapides Regional Medical Center have increased
22 access to healthcare services available in the Alexandria and Pineville region since
23 December 2013; and

24 WHEREAS, in December 2013, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center
25 opened a new Medical Clinic, Coumadin Clinic, Cardiology Clinic and Pharmacy in
26 Alexandria to meet regional outpatient clinical needs; and

27 WHEREAS, in December 2013, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center
28 opened a new eighteen bed inpatient psychiatric patient unit in Alexandria to meet the needs
29 of the Alexandria and Pineville region; and

30 WHEREAS, in December 2013, Rapides Regional Medical Center opened an Urgent

1 Care and Pharmacy Services Clinic in Alexandria; and

2 WHEREAS, in January 2014, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center
3 opened a Gynecology Clinic in collaboration with Tulane University, a Pediatric Clinic and
4 a General Surgery/Orthopedic Clinic in Alexandria; and

5 WHEREAS, in January 2014, Rapides Regional Medical Center opened an Urgent
6 Care and Multispecialty Clinic on the current Pineville Huey P. Long Medical Center
7 campus; and

8 WHEREAS, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center, Rapides Regional
9 Medical Center and Huey P. Long Medical Center leadership have worked in collaboration
10 since October 2013 to ensure patient healthcare needs are met during this transition and in
11 the future; and

12 WHEREAS, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center, Rapides Regional
13 Medical Center, and Huey P. Long Medical Center leadership have provided coordinated
14 community outreach through multiple patient notification letters, resource map guides which
15 are updated monthly, community HELP line, and several community meetings; and

16 WHEREAS, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center and Rapides Regional
17 Medical Center have committed to operating transitional clinics, which are currently open,
18 and building three permanent outpatient clinics, on which construction has already begun;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes that the closure of the inpatient beds and the
21 emergency department services at Huey P. Long Medical Center requires authorization by
22 the legislature through a concurrent resolution, pursuant to R.S. 17:1518.1(F).

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 express its approval of and support for the actions of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana
25 State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College with regard to the delivery of
26 healthcare services in the Alexandria and Pineville region.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the continuing interest of patient safety, the
28 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its approval of and support for the closure of
29 the inpatient beds and the emergency department at the Huey P. Long Medical Center.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature expresses its appreciation for the

1 physicians, healthcare professionals, and staff of the Huey P. Long Medical Center who have
2 served the residents of the Alexandria and Pineville communities with dignity and caring
3 since 1938.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LSU Board of Supervisors and the Division
5 of Administration continue to work with the Central Louisiana Legislative Delegation to find
6 the appropriate future use for the Huey P. Long facility.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution constitutes legislative approval,
8 in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 17:1518.1(F), for the closure of the inpatient
9 beds and the emergency department at the Huey P. Long Medical Center.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
11 governor, the commissioner of administration, the secretary of the Department of Health and
12 Hospitals, and the chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and
13 Agricultural and Mechanical College.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

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Expresses the legislative approval of and support to the Board of Supervisors of LSU for the strategic collaboration with the state relating to the closure of Huey P. Long Medical Center to facilitate a new model of health care delivery in the Alexandria and Pineville area.