

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Andrew L. Chesson, Jr., M.D., for his exemplary years of service to Louisiana

3 State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport (LSU HSC-Shreveport) as a

4 physician, professor, and administrator upon his retirement as dean of the School of

5 Medicine.

6 WHEREAS, Andrew Chesson, Jr., joined LSU HSC-Shreveport upon completing

7 his residency in neurology in 1978; and

8 WHEREAS, as a nationally recognized expert in sleep medicine, Dr. Chesson

9 developed and became the director of the LSU HSC-Shreveport Sleep Disorder Center, the

10 first center of its kind in Louisiana and the state's longest continuously certified sleep

11 disorder center; it is a model for sleep disorder centers nationwide; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Chesson's work in the discipline of sleep medicine helped to

13 establish national standards of practice and fellowship training; he was the director of the

14 Sleep Medicine Fellowship Program at LSU HSC-Shreveport; and

15 WHEREAS, as a founding member of the Louisiana Sleep Society, Dr. Chesson was

16 president of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, and in 2007, he received the

17 academy's Distinguished Service Award; and

18 WHEREAS, throughout his medical career, Dr. Chesson has been named to local and

19 national Best Doctors lists and he received the Humanism in Medicine Award from the

20 Association of Academic Medical Centers and Pfizer; and

1 WHEREAS, in addition to teaching and treating patients, Dr. Chesson admirably
2 served in several administrative roles at the LSU HSC-Shreveport School of Medicine,
3 including fifteen years as the associate dean for academic affairs; he was acting chancellor
4 and dean for one year before becoming dean of the School of Medicine in 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, during Dr. Chesson's tenure, he led the school's accreditation process
6 and led a significant restructuring of the medical school curriculum; and

7 WHEREAS, the LSU HSC-Shreveport School of Medicine developed a nationally
8 credentialed simulation center for medical training under Dr. Chesson's leadership; and

9 WHEREAS, over his thirty-five year career at the LSU HSC-Shreveport, Dr.
10 Chesson was instrumental in the growth and excellence of its academic and clinical
11 missions, and his national recognition in the field of sleep medicine has brought distinction
12 to the LSU HSC-Shreveport campus; and

13 WHEREAS, on March 21, 2014, Dr. Chesson was granted the titles of professor
14 emeritus and dean emeritus by the LSU Board of Supervisors, and upon the occasion of his
15 retirement, it is appropriate to commend his many years of dedicated service to the LSU
16 HSC-Shreveport School of Medicine.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18 express their deep appreciation to Andrew L. Chesson, Jr., M.D., as he leaves a remarkable
19 legacy of leadership of the LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport School of Medicine and
20 enters the next phase of his life, and does hereby wish him many happy years of retirement.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
22 to Dr. Andrew L. Chesson, Jr.

DIGEST

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