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Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dr. Randall J. Webb upon his retirement as President of Northwestern State University.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To commend Dr. Randall J. Webb for his commitment, service, singular contributions, and 3 outstanding accomplishments upon his retirement as president of Northwestern State University and to express gratitude for his exemplary term of dedicated and highly 4 5 productive public service. WHEREAS, Dr. Randall J. Webb has served as president of Northwestern State 6 7 University since 1996 and in July will become the university's longest serving president; and 8 WHEREAS, under Dr. Webb's leadership, Northwestern State University has 9 received well-deserved national and international attention for its academic programs and 10 student accomplishments; university facilities have been renovated to better serve students; 11 and two capital campaigns have set fundraising records at the school; and 12 WHEREAS, he has led the move toward higher admissions standards at the 13 university which has resulted in students having greater academic potential and aptitude and 14 the university has had its largest graduating classes in school history during his tenure as president; and 15 16 WHEREAS, retention has increased at Northwestern State University, the average ACT score of students has gone up, and high school student leaders have enrolled at the 17 university in record numbers; and 18

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and

1	WHEREAS, Dr. Webb has also expanded the university's outreach by spearheading
2	the development at NSU of the largest electronic education and distance learning network
3	of any university in Louisiana as the university offers courses and thirty-four accredited
4	degree programs to students across the nation and world through Internet and compressed
5	video and several university online programs have been rated as being among the best buys
6	in the United States; and
7	WHEREAS, millions of dollars have been obtained during his presidency for new
8	and renovated facilities with new facilities including the Wellness, Recreation and Activity
9	Center, Student Services Center, University Place I and II residence halls while Morrison
10	Hall, the Family and Consumer Sciences Building, Williamson Hall, Russell Hall and
11	Caspari Hall have been completely renovated and restored; and
12	WHEREAS, Northwestern State University has achieved Tier I status in the United
13	State News and World Report ranking of regional universities on two occasions and the
14	master's program in nursing was rated as one of the Top 100; and
15	WHEREAS, a new Doctor of Nursing Practice program was created along with a
16	Post Master's Certificate in Global Security and Intelligence and a master's in homeland
17	security and the university has added new undergraduate academic programs in theatre,
18	criminal justice, unified public safety administration, organizational leadership, addiction
19	studies, liberal arts, general studies, communication, and allied health; and
20	WHEREAS, Dr. Webb has held positions of leadership at the national level in
21	intercollegiate athletics, serving as chair of the board of directors of the Southland
22	Conference and as a member of the prestigious NCAA Executive Council and the NCAA
23	Division I Board of Directors that oversee all major policy decisions by the governing body
24	for major college sports, while also serving as the Southland Conference representative on
25	the NCAA Presidential Advisory Group; and
26	WHEREAS, he has been active in the community as a member of the board of
27	directors of the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Association for
28	the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches, the Natchitoches Historic Foundation, the
29	Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society, Rotary Club, and the First Baptist Church;

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WHEREAS, Randall Webb and his wife Brenda have two daughters, both honor graduates of Northwestern who are each married to former NSU student-athletes.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Randall J. Webb for his outstanding accomplishments upon his retirement as president of Northwestern State University, does hereby record for posterity his commitment, contributions, and remarkable service as president, does hereby express enduring gratitude for his extraordinary contributions, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for full measures of success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Randall J. Webb.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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