

1 WHEREAS, current SLU President John L. Crain, described Dr. J. Larry Crain as
2 the one who "led the university at a pivotal time in its history during the 1980s and played
3 a key role in transforming the institution from a small, sleepy college into one of the state's
4 major regional universities, he will be remembered for his efforts to enhance the academic
5 stature of the university during the 'oil bust' years that impacted the state's economy and
6 severely affected the funding of higher education as well as other state services, he will be
7 remembered as a man of integrity, who was committed to higher education and historic
8 preservation"; and

9 WHEREAS, in December 1993, following a contentious deadlock between
10 supporters of Governor Edwin Edwards and appointees of former Governor Buddy Roemer,
11 the Board of Regents named Dr. James Larry Crain as the state's higher education
12 commissioner; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Crain was an avid collector with an interest in history,
14 particularly the Civil War and Southern architecture, culture and genealogy; he was a
15 member of the Civil War Roundtable, serving as the group's president; and he had "perhaps
16 the finest collection in the world" of U.S. Martial single-shot pistols; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Crain spent years restoring a dogtrot-style house on his
18 grandfather's homestead in State Line, including a functioning syrup mill, blacksmith shop,
19 and barn; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband to his wife of fifty-seven years, Jean Lott
21 Crain, (a very successful retired nurse and operating room supervisor who died just a few
22 weeks after him on February 19, 2014) and a cherished father, grandfather, great-grandfather
23 and relative whose love of family was of the utmost importance to him in his life; and

24 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
25 and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication
26 of people like Dr. J. Larry Crain who dedicated themselves and their lives to education, and
27 to making Louisiana a better place for future generations.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 honor the extraordinary life and numerous accomplishments and many achievements of Dr.
30 J. Larry Crain for the betterment of education and for Louisiana.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

1 family of Dr. J. Larry Crain.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

DIGEST

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SCR No. 110

Expresses condolences upon the death of Dr. J. Larry Crain.