

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATORS MILLS, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Jeff Reynolds for his twenty-eight years of dedicated service at the Louisiana Department of Health and congratulate him upon his appointment as Vice Chancellor of Finance at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport.

WHEREAS, Jeff Reynolds attended Oklahoma State University where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in finance with minors in accounting and economics; and

WHEREAS, he moved to Louisiana and started his career with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals in 1990 as an accounting specialist amidst a budget crisis under then-Governor Buddy Roemer; and

WHEREAS, because of his hard work and pragmatic approach to every task before him, Jeff ascended through the budgetary ranks of the department serving as an auditor, account manager, and administrator before being appointed Undersecretary in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jeff served on the board of the National Association of State Human Services Finance Officers from 2006 to 2009 and was Board President in 2010; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of six governors and many cabinet appointees, Jeff has always maintained a calm and unwavering presence despite the many challenges that arise in an agency as large as the Louisiana Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, Jeff has been a man of utmost integrity who has garnered unprecedented mutual respect with the members of the Louisiana Legislature because of his sincere and honest presentation of the facts; and

WHEREAS, because of his ability to understand the overwhelmingly complex structure of healthcare financing and manage all of the components that make up his department's more than eleven billion dollar budget, he is the unsung hero who has ensured that in good financial times and in bad, the citizens of Louisiana who rely on Medicaid for their healthcare receive services; and

WHEREAS, Jeff is regarded by his colleagues and everyone who works with him as a true gentleman who takes the time to understand any challenge before him, always works tirelessly to find a solution, and does it all with a dry wit and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport has recruited Jeff to work to ensure that this state continues to produce a stellar pool of physicians and allied health professionals for years to come; and

WHEREAS, his departure is a tremendous loss to the department, but a marvelous gain for LSU Shreveport, our future physicians and healthcare providers, and the people of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jeff Reynolds for his twenty-eight years of dedicated service at the Louisiana Department of Health and congratulate him upon his appointment as Vice Chancellor of Finance at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jeff Reynolds.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES