

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Orr's research has identified a critical role for the extracellular
2 matrix in the regulation of endothelial cell function, characterizing novel signaling
3 mechanisms and identifying specific receptors involved in this response; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Orr is actively involved with the American Heart Association; he
5 is a national reviewer for the Cell Biology 3 study section and the Collaborative Science
6 Awards; he is an educator for the north Louisiana American Heart Association board of
7 directors and he is a mentor for recipients of the American Heart Association pre-doctoral
8 fellowship; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Orr has generously given of his time and knowledge to mentor more
10 than fifty medical and basic science students and post-degree trainees, many of whom are
11 on course for successful careers; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Orr is a professor in the Department of Pathology and Translational
13 Pathobiology, the Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, and the Department
14 of Cellular Biology and Anatomy; he is director of the Division of Research in the
15 Department of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology; and

16 WHEREAS, the work Dr. Orr does at LSU Health Shreveport complements his
17 involvement in the North American Vascular Biology Association, the American Heart
18 Association, the American Diabetes Association, and the American Society of Cell Biology;
19 he is a charter member of the National Institutes of Health Vascular Cell and Molecular
20 Biology Study Section and serves on the editorial board of *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and*
21 *Vascular Biology*; Dr. Orr also provides reviews for more than thirty professional journals;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the research acumen of Dr. A. Wayne Orr, his ability to procure
24 research funding, and the training he provides to medical students and researchers is
25 invaluable to the successes LSU Health Shreveport has achieved in mitigating the effects of
26 cardiovascular disease on the citizens of the state, the nation, and the world.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 commend Dr. A. Wayne Orr for his remarkable intellect and dedication in finding treatments
29 for diseases that impact our citizens and does hereby recognize his efforts in enhancing the

1 economy of north Louisiana through the procurement of significant extramural grant
2 funding.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be transmitted
4 to Dr. A. Wayne Orr.

DIGEST

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Commends Dr. A. Wayne Orr for his many accomplishments in medical research.