

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. Sharon L. Dunn for her dedication to and impact on the profession of physical therapy and the health of Louisiana's citizens

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Sharon L. Dunn, PT, Ph.D., for her leadership in the field of physical therapy  
3 and the impact of her work that has played a distinctive role in improving health  
4 outcomes for the citizens of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Sharon L. Dunn has been elected to a second term as president of  
6 the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and as director of the APTA board of  
7 directors; and

8 WHEREAS, her vast knowledge in the field of physical therapy and her familiarity  
9 with APTA led to her selection as the media spokesperson for APTA, a role she has held for  
10 twenty-three years; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Dunn has also been a leader in the Louisiana Physical Therapy  
12 Association (LPTA) since 1985 and has served as the organization's president and state  
13 government affairs chairperson; her passions are advocacy, member engagement, and the  
14 potential of her profession to add great value to the health delivery system in the state; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Dunn works to address the demand for physical therapists, which  
16 is projected to increase twenty-eight percent by 2026, much faster than the average for all  
17 occupations; she has led the effort to create a Ph.D. program in rehabilitation sciences at  
18 LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport; Dr. Dunn developed a post-professional residency  
19 program in orthopaedic physical therapy at LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport in 2008  
20 which has produced twenty-three graduates; she served as director of this accredited and  
21 credentialed program for seven years; Dr. Dunn is chairman of the Department of

1 Rehabilitation Sciences, associate professor with tenure in the School of Allied Health  
2 Professions in Shreveport, and is active on numerous committees in the School of Allied  
3 Health Professions, the School of Medicine and the School of Graduate Studies; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Dunn is a long-time member of the Louisiana Sports Medicine  
5 Society; an associate member of the International Society for Hyaluronan Science; a student  
6 and faculty inductee of the Alpha Eta Society, which recognizes students and faculty who  
7 are in the top ten percent of professionals in allied health; she is a recipient of the Allen A.  
8 Copping Excellence in Teaching Award; a nationally invited keynote speaker and presenter;  
9 and a peer-reviewed publisher of scientific articles; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Dunn is a native of Louisiana who pursued her education in its  
11 entirety in our great state; she is as a role model to Louisiana youth to pursue their education  
12 and career in their home state.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Sharon L. Dunn for her dedication to the  
15 profession of physical therapy and for her positive impact on the health of the citizens of the  
16 state.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
18 to Dr. Sharon L. Dunn.

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#### DIGEST

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