

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATORS BOUDREAUX, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, CORTEZ, FESI, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JACKSON, JOHNS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MORRIS, PEACOCK, PETERSON, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, WARD, WHITE AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Dr. Kim Hunter Reed on being chosen as the recipient of the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association's (SHEEO) 2020 Exceptional Leader Award.

WHEREAS, as Louisiana's commissioner of higher education, Dr. Reed steadfastly strives to increase the level of educational attainment in the state and thereby develop a more prosperous Louisiana that seeds innovation, grows opportunity, and secures a brighter economic future for all of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, during her short tenure, the Board of Regents has adopted an audacious goal to double the number of citizens with a high-quality postsecondary credential by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reed's ability to collaborate and bring diverse teams together is paramount to meeting that goal and finding innovative solutions to Louisiana's persistent attainment issues; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership, the state is already making great strides in developing policies to expand access and affordability to postsecondary education and eliminate equity gaps; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reed is a native of Lake Charles and a graduate of both Louisiana State University and Southern University; and

WHEREAS, the majority of her career has been spent in public service as a relentless advocate for both Louisiana and under-served students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reed is truly one of Louisiana's best and brightest and her lifelong commitment to public service can not be overstated; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reed has played a key role in the administration of three Louisiana governors and served as a deputy undersecretary at the United States Department of Education and the executive director of the Colorado Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, in her free time she has volunteered in a number of ways to help empower the disadvantaged, invest in our young people, and emphasize the value of education; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has long recognized and benefitted from Dr. Reed's exceptional leadership ability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Kim Hunter Reed for being chosen as the recipient of the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association's (SHEEO) 2020 Exceptional Leader Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Kim Hunter Reed.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE