

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY SENATOR CONNICK

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Melissa Adams on the occasion of her retirement from Ochsner Medical Center - West Bank and to recognize her many accomplishments throughout her career.

WHEREAS, after fifty-two years of dedicated service to the healthcare profession, Melissa Adams is celebrating the occasion of her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Melissa has been a steadfast advocate for patients, a trusted leader for nurses, a guiding force for the organization, and most importantly, a friend to everyone she encounters; and

WHEREAS, her career has been nothing short of extraordinary; and

WHEREAS, while there is hardly a department at Ochsner Medical Center - West Bank that she has not touched, it was the collaborative and team-focused environment of the operating room where she found her true calling; and

WHEREAS, she started her career as a staff nurse in the operating room before being promoted to director of surgical services, which included OR, PACU, anesthesia, endoscopy, same-day surgery, and the sterile processing department; and

WHEREAS, when promoted to assistant vice president, Melissa assumed responsibilities for the emergency department and critical care before becoming chief nursing officer in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Melissa was instrumental in developing Senate Bill No. 136 of the 2022 Regular Session to address workplace violence in healthcare settings; and

WHEREAS, her career reflects an unwavering commitment to excellence, compassion, and the advancement of nursing practice; and

WHEREAS, as chief nursing officer, Melissa shaped clinical care, mentored hundreds of nurses, and led with integrity, vision, and heart; and

WHEREAS, while Melissa is retiring from the profession, she certainly has no plans to slow down, and is looking forward to celebrating her parents' upcoming seventy-fifth wedding anniversary, traveling with family, and spending time with her four young grandchildren.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Melissa Adams on the occasion of her retirement from Ochsner Medical Center - West Bank and to recognize her many accomplishments throughout her career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Melissa Adams.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE