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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN AND SENATOR WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Elaine Fichter upon the celebration of her ninety-seventh birthday, and to congratulate Dr. Fichter and her daughter, Dr. Lauren Mickey on their distinguished careers as healthcare practitioners.

WHEREAS, Dr. Elaine Fichter grew up in West Hazleton, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fichter was captain of her high school's debate team and "capably delivered the constructive argument and the refutation" according to her yearbook; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Maryville College and then attended Duke University School of Medicine, the only medical school to which she applied; and

WHEREAS, while on rotation in Denver, Dr. Fichter met and married Lorin Mickey, an obstetrician-gynecologist; and

WHEREAS, the couple moved to Monroe in 1955, where they opened medical practices; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fichter practiced as a pediatrician for forty years in Monroe before retiring in the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fichter has said that she loved her job for these two reasons: "the children and their mothers"; and

WHEREAS, the parent of one of Dr. Fichter's patients described her as "diminutive in size, but larger than life"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fichter has also been described as a "pediatrician whose work ethic was unreal; she had compassion, intelligence and devotion"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fichter demonstrated that devotion the day she embraced Anne Lockhart, a grieving mother who lost her fourteen-year-old son Brent as the result of an accident, in a local grocery store more than twenty years ago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mickey and Dr. Fichter had four children, three of whom became physicians; and

WHEREAS, one of her daughters, Dr. Lauren J. Mickey, has said her mother was "incredibly driven" and prioritized patients before herself, but also made time to help with her children's homework and tuck them into bed at night; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Elaine Fichter recently celebrated her ninety-seventh birthday; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fichter's daughter, Dr. Lauren J. Mickey, chose to follow her mother's example and graduated from Newcomb College and the medical school of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lauren Mickey tried several surgical specialties and eventually committed to ear, nose, and throat in the mid-1980s; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mickey became the first female resident at LSU Health-Shreveport in the ear, nose, and throat department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mickey, in addition to operating her private practice, has performed surgeries at P&S Surgical Hospital for almost twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mickey has been described as "a remarkable person, and a highly-skilled surgeon" who "will do anything for her patients, just like her mother".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Elaine Fichter upon the celebration of her ninety-seventh birthday, does hereby congratulate Dr. Fichter and her daughter, Dr. Lauren Mickey on their distinguished careers as healthcare practitioners, and does hereby recognize them for their exemplary service and dedication to their community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Elaine Fichter and Dr. Lauren Mickey.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE