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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. A. Wayne Orr for his many accomplishments in medical research and funding

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION	
2	To commend Dr. A. Wayne Orr for his extraordinary impact on combating cardiovascular	
3	disease, procuring research funding, and training researchers.	
4	WHEREAS, Dr. A. Wayne Orr is the director of the Center of Excellence for	
5	Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences at Louisiana State University (LSU) Health	
6	Shreveport; and	
7	WHEREAS, the faculty at LSU Health Shreveport works to mitigate Louisiana's	
8	biggest health problems, and Dr. Orr has earned acknowledgment for his tireless and	
9	successful pursuit of significant competitive grants from the National Institutes of Health to	
10	address cardiovascular disease; and	
11	WHEREAS, Dr. Orr is the principal investigator for three R01 grants funded by the	
12	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the National Institute of Diabetes and	
13	Digestive and Kidney Disease totaling more than \$4.5 million; and	
14	WHEREAS, Dr. Orr is the first faculty member at LSU Health Shreveport to have	
15	three concurrent R01 grants; the R01 grant is the original and historically oldest grant	
16	mechanism utilized by the National Institutes of Health; and	
17	WHEREAS, over the past twenty-one years, Dr. Orr's research has sought to	
18	understand how the local microenvironment affects vascular cell signaling in pathological	
19	processes such as atherosclerosis, angiogenesis, and ischemia-reperfusion injury; his	
20	laboratory has published more than fifty manuscripts on vascular cell biology, and numerous	
21	papers on redox biology and its related pathologies; and	

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WHEREAS, Dr. Orr's research has identified a critical role for the extracellular matrix in the regulation of endothelial cell function, characterizing novel signaling mechanisms and identifying specific receptors involved in this response; and WHEREAS, Dr. Orr is actively involved with the American Heart Association; he is a national reviewer for the Cell Biology 3 study section and the Collaborative Science Awards; he is an educator for the north Louisiana American Heart Association board of directors and he is a mentor for recipients of the American Heart Association pre-doctoral fellowship; and WHEREAS, Dr. Orr has generously given of his time and knowledge to mentor more than fifty medical and basic science students and post-degree trainees, many of whom are on course for successful careers; and WHEREAS, Dr. Orr is a professor in the Department of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology, the Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, and the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy; he is director of the Division of Research in the Department of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology; and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
commend Dr. A. Wayne Orr for his remarkable intellect and dedication in finding treatments
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.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be transmitted

4 to Dr. A. Wayne Orr.

DIGEST

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