

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVES JENKINS, ARMES, BAGNERIS, BARRAS, BILLIOT, BOUIE, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, COX, EDMONDS, FRANKLIN, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, LANCE HARRIS, HILL, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, HUNTER, JACKSON, JONES, JORDAN, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LYONS, MCFARLAND, NORTON, PIERRE, PUGH, REYNOLDS, SMITH, STAGNI, THOMAS, JEFFERSON, AND LEGER AND SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. G. E. Ghali, D.D.S., M.D., F.A.C.S., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), Chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, for extraordinary leadership in the advancement of the institution and in the rich legacy of medical instruction and research that he contributes to his community, the state, and the world.

WHEREAS, Dr. G. E. Ghali's leadership has led to LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport receiving full ACGME accreditation for all training programs, completing fiscal year 2016 with a positive operating margin, and the development of new relationships with six community hospitals signing memorandums of understanding to enhance education and clinical activities thereby increasing health care services for the populace of north Louisiana and the state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, before Dr. Ghali began his service in 2016 as chancellor and dean of the LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport, he had amassed a vast knowledge and experience in the field of medicine, serving as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon and as the Jack W. Gamble Endowed Chair in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Dr. Ghali led the initiative to establish the Cleft Lip and Palate Program at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Shreveport, and since that time has served as director of the program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali is also the founder of the Ark-La-Tex Craniofacial and Cleft Team, which provides complex oral and maxillofacial care to children and adults across multiple healthcare institutions; and

WHEREAS, the LSU System received significant domestic and international recognition for the rare and lifesaving surgery performed by Dr. Ghali on a three-year-old Brazilian patient with a five-pound facial myxoma whose family was unable to secure needed medical services in her home country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali performed this surgery, as he has many others in the past, at no cost to the patient, and was awarded the "2017 Volunteer Service Award for Global Impact" by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in part for his work on this case; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali has received numerous awards including "The Samaritan of the Year" (Samaritan Counseling Center), and the "William Haynie, MD Award in Pediatrics" (Northwest Louisiana Pediatric Society); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali's service to humanity includes eighteen years of travel to India performing missionary work to operate on those suffering with cleft lips and palates, as well as adults with oral, head, and neck cancer, and serving as an instructor to all branches of the military regarding management of maxillofacial injuries; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali has been recognized for his leadership role in developing an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Section within the American College of Surgeons as well as developing guidelines for accepting Oral and Maxillofacial surgeons as full fellows in the American College of Surgeons, and as recipients of the "Distinguished Educator Award" from the Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the "William J. Gies Foundation Award" and the "Robert V. Walker Distinguished Service Award" from the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali's work has been memorialized in eighty-two publications and in contributions to forty books; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali has received more than three hundred invitations to lecture all across the world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ghali shares his wonderful life with his wife, Hope, and their children, Gregor, Grace, Gabrielle, and Garrisyn.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. G. E. Ghali, MD, Chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, for extraordinary leadership in the advancement of the institution and for the rich legacy of medical instruction and research that he contributes to the world; and does hereby extend its best wishes and gratitude to Dr. G. E. Ghali for his contributions and continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. G. E. Ghali, D.D.S, M.D., F.A.C.S., and F.R.C.S. (Ed.).

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE