

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY AND SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University Health Shreveport faculty member Dr. Daniel Flowers for his accomplishments.

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Flowers is an assistant professor of physical therapy at Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Shreveport who has an established track record of excellence in all three of the core aspects of academic medicine: teaching, research, and clinical service; and

WHEREAS, among his numerous professorial responsibilities, Dr. Flowers serves as lead faculty for orthopaedic and musculoskeletal curriculum in LSU Health Shreveport's entry-level doctor of physical therapy (DPT) degree program, and he teaches rehabilitation sciences doctoral students and clinical residents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flowers pairs his immense degree of intelligence with a truly incredible work ethic; he received the Allen A. Copping Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2021, after completing a year-long stretch in which he taught twenty-five credit hours and maintained a significant student contact schedule; since beginning as a faculty member at LSU Health Shreveport, he has created nine new courses, revised nine existing courses, and overhauled the entire curriculum for the school's orthopaedic residency program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flowers's research agenda earned him the School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) Faculty Award for Research Excellence in 2021, two state-wide research awards, and a writing award from the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*; he also performs translational research in movement science using biomechanical instrumentation, motion capture, and comparative exercise science; he holds nineteen publications, including thirteen as lead author, and he has given twenty-six presentations at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flowers mentors and collaborates with faculty across disciplines and institutions; his most recent collaboration with Dr. Patrick Massey, MD, orthopaedic surgeon, is on a \$4.5 million multi-center, United States Department of Defense-funded

grant, The STaR Trial; the grant will be subcontracted through the University of Pittsburgh Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, which is world renowned for translational research in orthopaedic surgery and physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flowers maintains excellence in his clinical practice as a board-certified orthopaedic clinical specialist; he underscores his immense ability with an admirable degree of professional decorum, which serves him well in his role as program director for the LSU Health Shreveport Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his exceptional clinical service, Dr. Flowers holds an outstanding record of service to the School of Allied Health, LSU Health Shreveport, and the field of medicine at-large; he served the Faculty Delegate Assembly of SAHP as an elected delegate for six years and as vice president and president of the assembly, collecting data for its first data-based strategic planning process; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flowers currently serves on the elected LSU Health Shreveport Faculty Senate as a representative for SAHP; he is also a member of numerous committees including the SAHP Grants and Research Committee and the Medical Curriculum Redesign Task Force for the School of Medicine, and he chairs the SAHP Interprofessional Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flowers serves in a statewide role for the American Physical Therapy Association of Louisiana as the chair of the Louisiana research committee and member of the governmental affairs committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Flowers is a truly incredible professional and leader, and he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his numerous academic accomplishments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louisiana State University Health Shreveport faculty member Dr. Daniel Flowers for his academic accomplishments and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his professional and academic pursuits.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE