

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Joe Ann Keeley Clark on her distinguished career in nursing and nursing education, and on her continuing contributions to the field of nursing in this state, upon the occasion of her retirement as executive director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Ann Keeley Clark's highly distinguished professional career in nursing and nursing education spanned over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clark earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Oklahoma in 1954 and subsequently earned master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clark began practicing as a nurse in Louisiana in 1971 and joined the faculty of Our Lady of the Lake College School of Nursing in Baton Rouge in 1973; and

WHEREAS, her notable career in nursing education included directorships and other leadership positions in multiple academic programs at Our Lady of the Lake College over the course of thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clark concluded her academic career as Dean of Academic Services at Our Lady of the Lake College from 1992 through 2000, after which date she served as Dean Emeritus at that esteemed institution; and

WHEREAS, both during her career and after her retirement, Dr. Clark has held executive-level positions with many professional organizations, serving at different junctures as president of the Louisiana League for Nursing, the Louisiana State Nurses Association, the Baton Rouge District Nurses Association, and the Louisiana Alliance of Nursing Organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clark came out of retirement to serve as executive director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association, a position which she held for six years before retiring once again in 2011; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable career as a nursing practitioner, educator, and leader, Dr. Clark has been a champion for her profession and an inspiration to thousands of nurses in our state; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clark embodies the highest values of the nursing profession, and her contributions to the field of nursing are indeed too numerous to count.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Joe Ann Keeley Clark on her distinguished career in nursing and nursing education, and on her continuing contributions to the field of nursing in this state, upon the occasion of her retirement as executive director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Joe Ann Keeley Clark.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE