

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Louisiana State University Boyd Professor Isiah Warner upon his selection as the 2016 Southeastern Conference Professor of the Year

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Louisiana State University Boyd Professor Isiah Warner upon being named
3 the 2016 Southeastern Conference Professor of the Year.

4 WHEREAS, on March 30, 2016, Isiah Warner, the Phillip W. West Professor of
5 Analytical and Environmental Chemistry at LSU, was selected by the Southeastern
6 Conference (SEC) to receive one of fourteen 2016 Faculty Achievement Awards, which
7 recognizes the achievements of full professors at SEC universities who have records of
8 extraordinary teaching and are recognized nationally or internationally; and

9 WHEREAS, Professor Warner attended Southern University and earned his doctorate
10 in chemistry from the University of Washington; he has published more than three hundred
11 forty articles in analytical and materials chemistry journals; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Warner has spent more than thirty-five years researching
13 fluorescence spectroscopy and is considered one of the world's experts in the analytical
14 applications of his technique; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2000, Dr. Warner was named Professor of the Year by the Carnegie
16 Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching/CASE Louisiana for his undergraduate
17 teaching skills; and

18 WHEREAS, widely recognized for his mentoring efforts, Dr. Warner is credited with
19 increasing the numbers of minorities and women in the science fields taught at Louisiana
20 State University, and these students have pursued postdoctoral studies at such prestigious

1 institutions as Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Georgia Institute of
2 Technology, the University of Michigan, and the University of Washington; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Warner is one of only three people to maintain the designation of
4 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor over the past three competitions; and

5 WHEREAS, the LSU Board of Supervisors has given Dr. Warner its highest faculty
6 rank, Boyd Professor, for his contributions to the field of chemistry and his efforts to
7 improve minority participation in science fields; the students mentored by Professor Warner
8 and his colleagues have achieved a graduation rate in Science, Technology, Engineering, and
9 Math degrees that is double the LSU average; and

10 WHEREAS, LSU is number one in the country in the number of African Americans
11 finishing Ph.D.s in chemistry, and number one in the percentage of Ph.D. chemistry
12 graduates who are women; and

13 WHEREAS, on April 12, 2016, LSU Boyd Professor Isiah Warner was selected as
14 the Southeastern Conference 2016 Professor of the Year from the elite field of fourteen 2016
15 Faculty Achievement Award winners, and it is appropriate to acknowledge the great honor
16 conferred upon Dr. Warner and to congratulate him for achieving this milestone in his
17 educational career.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Louisiana State University
20 Boyd Professor Isiah Warner upon being named the Southeastern Conference 2016 Professor
21 of the Year and does hereby extend best wishes for continued success in his every endeavor.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
23 to Dr. Isiah Warner.

DIGEST

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