

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBIDEAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Natalie Harder on her inauguration as the chancellor of South Louisiana Community College and interim director of Acadiana Technical College.

WHEREAS, on Thursday, April 11, 2013, Dr. Natalie J. Harder will be sworn in as the fifth chancellor of South Louisiana Community College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harder earned her bachelor's degree in economics from the State University of New York at Buffalo, her master's degree in Public Policy and Management from the Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University, and her Ph.D. in Community College Leadership from Old Dominion University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harder most recently served as the Vice President at Patrick Henry College in Martinsville, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harder serves on regional boards, including the West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board, the Martinsville-Henry Country United Way, and the Martinsville Industrial Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harder is active with the National Association of Community Colleges for Entrepreneurship and the Council for Resource Development; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harder's recent presentation at the Association for Community College Trustees entitled "Internationalization on Campus: Trustees as Catalysts" was nominated as a semifinalist presentation for the Community College Futures Assembly Bellwether Awards; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harder is described as a strong leader with a great passion for higher education whose qualifications to serve as chancellor and interim director are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harder has had a truly extraordinary career as a scholar, professor, and administrator and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the South Louisiana Community College and the Acadiana Technical College; and

WHEREAS, the students, faculty, and staff of the South Louisiana Community College and the Acadiana Technical College welcome Dr. Harder to the helm of their campuses and look forward to her tenure as chancellor and interim director, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harder merits a special measure of commendation upon her selection and inauguration as chancellor of South Louisiana Community College and interim director of Acadiana Technical College.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends Dr. Natalie Harder upon her inauguration as chancellor of South Louisiana Community College and interim director of Acadiana Technical College, hereby recognizes and records for posterity her exemplary leadership, and hereby extends to her best wishes for a smooth transition and success in her new position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Natalie Harder.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES