

1 one could have foreseen, including several years of sizable state budget reductions stemming
2 in part from a major national economic crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, and Hurricane Ida,
3 which passed directly over the campus and did substantial damage to the Hammond campus;
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5 WHEREAS, throughout it all, Dr. Crain did more than simply keeping the university
6 afloat; he managed to oversee major facility improvements, including completion of the new
7 student union and new residential facilities, the launch of several new academic programs
8 and new academic support and campus life initiatives, some unprecedented successes in
9 Lion athletics, and significant expansion of the Southeastern Foundation; and

10 WHEREAS, nothing is more important to the health and happiness of the citizens of
11 the great state of Louisiana than individuals who invest their considerable personal talent in
12 the service of the public good; Dr. John Crain has spent his professional career, including
13 his tenure as president of Southeastern Louisiana University, making just that investment,
14 and it is appropriate that the state should take this opportunity to recognize and honor him.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. John L. Crain on the occasion of his
17 retirement as president of Southeastern Louisiana University; does hereby record for
18 posterity some of his notable accomplishments and honorable service to the state; and does
19 hereby express its sincerest hope that he continue to find success and fulfillment in the next
20 chapter of his life.

DIGEST

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