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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Janet Simmons Rami, Ph.D., R.N., upon her retirement as dean of the School of Nursing at Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Janet Rami graduated from Dillard University in 1970 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing; she earned a master's degree in cross-cultural nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1979, and in 1992, she earned a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University in research methodology; she also studied educational administration at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rami was named dean of the Southern University School of Nursing in 1986; at the onset of her administration, thirty-six students were enrolled in the bachelor of science in nursing program; during her tenure, more than two thousand students have graduated from the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree nursing programs; Southern University offers one of only two Ph.D. programs in nursing in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Dr. Rami was appointed to a five-year term on the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt and was an integral part of policymaking on nursing workforce, education, and practice issues for the United States; she served on the health transition teams of two Louisiana governors, and she is a member of Louisiana's Nurse Supply and Demand Council; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2005, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Rami led an exceptionally rapid and efficient mobilization of resources needed for the operation of the temporary shelter at Southern's F.G. Clark Activity Center; she also coordinated the delivery of primary healthcare to hurricane evacuees through Southern's Mobile Family

Health Center to Renaissance Village, one of the largest trailer villages in the state that housed hurricane evacuees; Johnson and Johnson and *NurseWeek Magazine* named Dr. Rami a "Nurse Hero for 2007" for her leadership in aiding Katrina evacuees; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Dr. Rami was named Nursing School Administrator of the Year by the Louisiana State Nurses Association, and in 2007 she was inducted into the Nursing Hall of Fame by the Louisiana State Nurses Association and the Louisiana State Nurses Foundation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor Dr. Rami for thirty-six years of dedicated service to the profession of nursing and to Southern University; she has been a visionary trailblazer in her field and is nationally recognized for her success in educating minority students for the health professions and for her leadership in providing access to health services for underserved populations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Janet Simmons Rami, Ph.D., R.N., upon her retirement as dean of the School of Nursing at Southern University and does hereby commend her for her dedicated service and tremendous contributions to the field of nursing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Janet S. Rami.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES