

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Joseph D. Kimbrell upon his retirement as chief executive officer of the Louisiana Public Health Institute.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a special measure of commendation be extended to Joseph D. Kimbrell, as he prepares to retire as chief executive officer of the Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI), and to honor him for his exemplary career in public health; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Kimbrell is held in high esteem as a longtime public servant whose excellence has endured a career spanning nearly fifty years, during which time he fully used every opportunity to serve the citizens of the state in an honorable manner; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Kimbrell earned his bachelor of arts in history and philosophy and a master of arts in history from Notre Dame Seminary and a master of social work from Tulane University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kimbrell held multiple positions within the New Orleans Health Department, specifically in the alcoholism management center and drug abuse treatment center; he was a pioneer in the public health field; in the 1970s, he opened and administrated a thirty-four bed alcohol detoxification center, established a social services program that included counseling, recreational therapy, and job readiness training, and worked with community partners to establish treatment alternatives for individuals struggling with substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, Joe served in a variety of leadership roles at the Louisiana office of public health, including almost twenty years as deputy assistant secretary, directing the

overall administration of the office, guiding program planning efforts, and serving as liaison to officials on the federal, state, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, since June of 2000, he has served as the chief executive officer of the LPHI; for eleven years, he simultaneously served as the founding chief executive officer and president of the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI), which is dedicated to advancing public health practice and making systematic improvements in population health; and

WHEREAS, Joe led, mentored, and developed over three hundred fifty public health professionals who have been employed by LPHI and countless others outside the institute through his local and national work in varying capacities; under his leadership, LPHI has generated over \$400 million in resources to support public health programming within the state of Louisiana and across the Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kimbrell has been honored by his peers several times over, including in 2012, receiving the Louisiana Public Health Association Meritorious Award, in 2000, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ninth International Congress World Federation of Public Health Associations, and in 1999, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Southwest Louisiana Training Point Partnership and the Clyde Partin Service Award from the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, among many others; and

WHEREAS, he is a board member of the Public Health Foundation and NNPHI and an adjunct clinical instructor at the Tulane University School of Social Work; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is grateful for and recognizes Mr. Kimbrell for his unwavering dedication, professional public service, and selfless contribution to the health and wellness of Louisiana's residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Joseph D. Kimbrell upon his retirement as chief executive officer of the Louisiana Public Health Institute; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his nearly fifty years of distinguished service to the citizens of Louisiana and New Orleans in the areas of public health, health care, and social services; and does hereby extend best wishes to Joseph D. Kimbrell for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
Joseph D. Kimbrell.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES