

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY SENATOR BROOME

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Lucy S. McGough, a professor of law at LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center, upon her many outstanding career accomplishments and contributions in the realm of Children and Family Law.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana commends Professor Lucy McGough for thirty years of academic excellence and dedicated service to the LSU Law Center; and

WHEREAS, conferred as a Vinson and Elkins Professor of Law at LSU Law Center, Lucy McGough has taught criminal justice, trusts and estate law, and family law, with particular emphasis in juvenile justice; and

WHEREAS, her outstanding commitment to equitable legal representation for youth is reflected in the depth of her coursework in juvenile defense clinics where she instructed third-year law students in real-life situations with defendants in East Baton Rouge Parish Juvenile Court; and

WHEREAS, using a grant from the MacArthur Foundation, Professor McGough was instrumental in the creation of a juvenile defense clinic template that can be readily adapted by other law schools; and

WHEREAS, Professor McGough collaborated in the confection of the Children's Code Project as its coordinator from 1986 until its enactment into law in 1991, and has assisted in its continuous revision as the Reporter of the Children's Code Advisory Committee to the State Law Institute; and

WHEREAS, a brilliant student, Lucy McGough graduated from Agnes Scott College in Georgia in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Phi Beta Kappa key, and inclusion in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; she then obtained her juris doctor degree with distinction and Order of the Coif from Emory Law, and in 1971, attained her masters of law advanced degree from Harvard Law School; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, she moved to Baton Rouge at the invitation of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center as a visiting professor; in 1984, she became a full professor; and in 1989, was conferred to the distinguished academic chair of Vinson and Elkins Professor of Law; and

WHEREAS, at LSU, she worked diligently on the Louisiana Children's Code, and included other teaching specialties such as Domestic Relations, Administration of Criminal Justice, Criminal Procedure, Law Reform, Legislative Process, Counseling and Negotiation, and Family Dispute Mediation; and

WHEREAS, Professor McGough has published a multitude of well received books, and law review articles that cover all facets of the juvenile justice system, court procedure, and witness testimony that have been critically acclaimed among her peers; and

WHEREAS, Professor McGough has received national recognition for her extensive expertise in family law and has been honored with a host of awards that include the Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship, Ford Foundation Fellowship in Urban Law, Candler Professor of Law at Emory University plus its Distinguished Alumni Award, the Outstanding Juvenile Legislative Program National Award, the National Adoption Excellence Award, Adoption Advocate of the Year, and appointment as a University of Maine Law School Godfrey Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Professor McGough fell in love with Louisiana and with Professor James W. Bowers, and together they celebrate a blended family of seven children; and

WHEREAS, although Professor McGough has accepted an appointment as Dean of the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia, and shall be leaving LSU, her outstanding legal and academic contributions to the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, the state of Louisiana, its legislature, and its youth have been immeasurable.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Professor Lucy S. McGough of LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center for her many contributions to the creation and revision of the Louisiana Children's Code and for the beneficial effects her work has had on the protection of the youth of this state and the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its best wishes for Professor Lucy McGough in pursuit of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Professor Lucy S. McGough of the LSU Law Center.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES