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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends, posthumously, Dr. Alton Ochsner Sr. upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend, posthumously, Dr. Alton Ochsner Sr. upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Alton Ochsner Sr. was born in 1896 in Kimball, South Dakota, and attended Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, where he earned his medical degree; and

WHEREAS, after a year of being a surgeon and faculty member with the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Ochsner was recruited by Tulane University, where he succeeded the legendary Rudolph Matas as professor and chairman of the department of surgery; and

WHEREAS, although Tulane University did not have its own hospital at the time, he succeeded in organizing one of the country's premier surgical teaching programs at New Orleans Charity Hospital; and

WHEREAS, always a pioneer, Dr. Ochsner joined four of his colleagues and opened the Ochsner Clinic in 1942, which over the years would grow to become a sprawling healthcare system comprised of many clinics and hospitals across the state; and

WHEREAS, while famous for his teaching and surgical skills, he became most famous as one of the first physicians to link smoking to cancer, one of his most lasting and important contributions to medicine; and

WHEREAS, he was a highly recognized member of the community, served as Rex, King of Carnival, and was active in state politics, regularly supporting conservative and Republican policies; and

WHEREAS, he died at the age of eighty-five and it is estimated that during his lengthy and successful career, he performed over twenty thousand surgeries; and

WHEREAS, a devoted doctor, an inspiring teacher, and a tireless advocate for making the lives of the people of this state better, Dr. Alton Oschner Sr. has rightly earned a place among the many legends in the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend, posthumously, Dr. Alton Ochsner Sr. upon his induction into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Dr. Alton Ochsner Sr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

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