

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 157

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Ginger Myers on receiving an honorary doctorate from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and to recognize her for her work with the LHC Group.

WHEREAS, Ginger Myers was awarded an honorary doctorate of nursing practice during the University of Louisiana-Lafayette's Spring 2022 commencement ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Ginger Myers is a nurse, a community leader, a businesswoman, and a philanthropist; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Myers noticed a need in her small community of Palmetto, Louisiana, for greater access to health care, especially for elderly residents; and

WHEREAS, working around her twelve-hour nursing shifts at Opelousas General Hospital, Myers began offering her time, knowledge, kindness, and skills to those in need by visiting and caring for people in their homes; and

WHEREAS, at the urging of community leaders who knew that elderly rural residents of the area desperately needed access to quality medical care at home, Myers was instrumental in cofounding St. Landry Home Health - a single small agency that would become the LHC Group; and

WHEREAS, Ginger Myers was the agency's first nurse and her passion for serving others inspired the agency's simple yet powerful purpose statement: "It's All About Helping People" - which still serves as the LHC Group's foundational mission statement; and

WHEREAS, as the company's first nurse, Myers' approach to nursing and caring for her community formed the foundation of the LHC Group's unique company culture of service to families, communities, and coworkers at a local and personal level; and

WHEREAS, the LHC Group has grown and provides high quality care to patients through home health, hospice, home- and community-based services, and facility-based care through more than twelve million patient encounters each year and with more than thirty thousand employees at more than nine hundred seventy locations in thirty-seven states and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Ginger Myers has worked in a range of nursing and administrative roles in St. Landry Parish for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, Myers was employed as a nursing supervisor at LaHaye Eye Center and was active in opening the first outpatient ophthalmic surgery center in St. Landry Parish; and

WHEREAS, Myers also worked at Doctor's Hospital and was active in coordinating one of the first rural health clinics in the state, located in Melville, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ginger Myers served as chairman of the board for the Opelousas Women's Club, a committee member for the St. Landry/Evangeline American Heart Association Heart Gala, and a member of the executive committee of Go Red For Women; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Myers received the St. Landry Chamber Business Woman of the Year Award, and in 2013, she received the Leaders in Philanthropy Award for St. Landry Parish; and

WHEREAS, Myers is a member of the Acadian Business Hall of Fame, and she was inducted into the Homecare Association of Louisiana Hall of Honor in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Myers has served on the LHC Group board and is currently on the board for the Hospice Promise Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in early 2022, the University of Louisiana-Lafayette renamed the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Department as the LHC Group-Myers School of Nursing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ginger Myers on receiving an honorary doctorate from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and recognizes her for her work with the LHC Group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ginger Myers.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE