

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University Boyd Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Isiah Warner, upon his designation as the Southeastern Conference Professor of the Year, having been chosen from its fourteen member universities.

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Conference Faculty Achievement Award requires each nominee considered to be a teacher or scholar at one of the member universities and to be a full professor who has a record of extraordinary teaching and a nationally or internationally record of scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Isiah Warner is a native of Bunkie, Louisiana, and a graduate of Carver High School, attended Southern University in Baton Rouge and earned his doctorate in chemistry at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 Boyd Professor Warner received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering from President Bill Clinton; and

WHEREAS, a prolific author, Boyd Professor Warner has published more than three hundred refereed articles in various journals dealing with the general areas of analytical and materials chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Warner has focused his research in the area of fluorescence for thirty-five years and he is considered one of the world's experts in the analytical applications of fluorescence; and

WHEREAS, apart from his scholarship, Boyd Professor Warner is widely recognized for his mentoring efforts, bringing more minorities and women into science fields at Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, many of Dr. Warner's mentored students have gone on to pursue postdoctoral studies at such prestigious institutions as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Michigan and his alma mater, the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors has awarded Professor Warner its top faculty designation, Boyd Professor, for his contributions to the

field of chemistry and his success in improving minority participation in the sciences; and

WHEREAS, Boyd Professor Warner is one of only three academicians to maintain the designation as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor each of the past three years of the selection process; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Dr. Warner was named Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of teaching, using the CASE method in teaching undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS, Boyd Professor Warner is vice president for strategic initiatives at Louisiana State University, in addition to his teaching and scholarship duties; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Warner and his colleagues have all taken particular interest in their undergraduate students, and these efforts have been extremely successful with the graduation rate for these mentored students who are seeking a degree in the STEM areas of studies, twice that of Louisiana State University students as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Boyd Professor Warner's efforts in mentoring minority and women students have resulted in Louisiana State University ranking number one nationally in the production of PhD's in chemistry for African-American students and number one nationally in the percentage of PhD graduates in chemistry who are women; and

WHEREAS, this Louisiana State University Boyd Professor of Chemistry has clearly forged an exemplary career academically and has been a national leader in the mentoring of African-American and women students in the sciences, both admirable results which have caused him to be extraordinarily deserving of this Southeastern Conference Professor of the Year Award.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louisiana State University Boyd Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Isiah Warner, upon his designation as the Southeastern Conference Professor of the Year, having been chosen from its fourteen member universities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Boyd Professor of Chemistry, Isiah Warner.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE