

**RESOLUTION No. 32 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARISH OF CADDO SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTER FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION AND WELLNESS ON THE LSU HEALTH SHREVEPORT CAMPUS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission continually strives to enhance the quality of life and the platform for economic growth for the eleven municipalities that comprise Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, The Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges the incomparable impact of LSU Health Shreveport on the healthcare (32 specialists & patient programs not available elsewhere in the community ), post graduate medical educational opportunities (1,451 students and residents) and contributions to the local economy (\$595.4 M direct impact and \$2.99 B impact including alumni who practice in north Louisiana);

WHEREAS, The Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the paramount role that LSU Health Shreveport's 2,667 employees play in providing significant diversity within our community, high paying jobs, and unparalleled intellectual capacity;

WHEREAS, The Caddo Parish Commission desires to support the growth of LSU Health Shreveport and particularly the School of Medicine which is an institution that our citizens battled mightily to create back in 1972;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is aware of the significance and impact of having one of only one hundred and forty-one academic health science centers in the nation;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission salutes the success of the LSU Health Shreveport research enterprise in enhancing the economy due to its remarkable success in securing extramural grants, the filing of patents and creation of income from intellectual property (#2 in the LSU System behind the Ag Center);

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission supports the bold and wise vision of LSU Health Shreveport Chancellor, Dr. G. E. Ghali, to raise half of the funding for the \$60 M Center for Medical Education and Wellness;

WHEREAS, the number of people turning 65 will double by 2030 creating the need for swift solution for an increasing shortage of physicians in Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine ranks in the top 15% in the nation for their graduates practicing in state;

WHEREAS, the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine ranks in the top 24% in the nation of graduates who practice in rural areas (six of the twelve districts in Caddo qualify as rural districts);

WHEREAS, the current size of the medical school class does not allow all qualified students to be admitted;

WHEREAS, the need for additional physicians in Louisiana is undisputed;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to publicly support the expansion of the LSU Health Shreveport campus, which has not had a new building since 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that we, the Caddo Parish Commission, do unanimously support the construction of the Center for Medical Education and Wellness on the LSU Health Shreveport campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

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Parish Attorney

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