

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY SENATOR MOUNT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Rosalie Marie "Poddy" Leveque Champeaux upon the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens of Louisiana commend Rosalie Marie "Poddy" Leveque Champeaux on her dedication to the state of Louisiana and congratulate her on her much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. "Poddy" has served the Children's Miracle Network for more than twenty years, and is retiring from her position, and it is certainly appropriate that her significant contributions to the Children's Miracle Network and the state of Louisiana be recognized and recorded; and

WHEREAS, she is from a pioneer family and is a native and lifelong resident of Lake Charles, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Rosalie Marie "Poddy" Leveque Champeaux was an honor graduate at St. Charles Academy (currently St. Louis High School) where she received the coveted spirit award, graduated first in her class from Hotel Dieu School of Nursing and Loyola University in New Orleans, and was named outstanding graduate; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. "Poddy" began working at CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital where she has served for more than two decades, a role in which she has been an essential component in the work with this dynamic organization, as she has served as director of the Senior Membership Program 50+ and director of the Children's Miracle Network for Southwest Louisiana, where she is an integral part of the Children's Miracle Network; and

WHEREAS, she was honored in 2001 for serving as a director for nineteen years to the Children's Miracle Network, and in 2001 the National Children's Miracle Network honored her with the first annual Stephanie Melemis National Director of the Year Award,

being recognized as the outstanding director whose selfless and heartfelt service characterizes the commitment and dedication that exemplifies the award's namesake, Stephanie Melemis, as the award is presented to an individual whose enthusiasm and service reflects a passion that children truly come first; and

WHEREAS, she has been honored on numerous occasions for her work in the community, received the Excalibur Award in 1995 and 1996 from the American Cancer Society, and in 2002, she received the coveted Champion for Children Award from the Louisiana Child Abuse Association; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the National Children's Miracle Network honored and recognized Mrs. Champeaux as the first and only director to be associated with Children's Miracle Network for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, when Mrs. "Poddy" began at Children's Miracle Network in her community over twenty years ago, she never realized it would become a lifelong passion and career she loved; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. "Poddy" has helped thousands of children and their families by bestowing upon them compassion, kindness, patience, understanding and sharing the wealth of wisdom and knowledge from her years of experience with the Children's Miracle Network; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her outstanding and vital contributions during a career of highly effective service, Mrs. "Poddy" has been a striking example of one who has enthusiastically embraced the fundamental priorities of life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. "Poddy" represented her community and her state with distinction during her years of service as director of Children's Miracle Network; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. "Poddy" Champeaux has worked tirelessly on a multitude of political, professional, religious, civic and community causes throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, during her many years of service to the youth of Louisiana, Mrs. "Poddy" has raised the bar for others who know her caliber of dedication; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure, on people like Mrs. "Poddy" Champeaux, who have devoted their lives to the betterment of others.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate and commend Rosalie Marie "Poddy" Leveque Champeaux on the occasion of her retirement, as she will be greatly missed and will be remembered for the genuine interest and regard that she always exhibited for those with whom she worked and for her readiness to participate in whatever project might benefit from her experience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that although Mrs. "Poddy" Champeaux is retiring from the Children's Miracle Network, she is surely not retiring from life and the Legislature of Louisiana wishes her much success in her future endeavors and on this next exciting chapter in her life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Rosalie Marie "Poddy" Leveque Champeaux.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES