

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY SENATORS FOIL, PEACOCK AND SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Dr. Katherine Lindley Spaht Dodson.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the untimely and tragic death of Dr. Katherine Lindley Spaht Dodson, a proud native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and a resident of Austin, Texas, on January 26, 2021, at the age of forty-four; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Lindley Spaht was born on June 30, 1977, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Paul Holden Spaht and Katherine Lindley Shaw Spaht; and

WHEREAS, she attended St. James Episcopal Day School and was a 1995 graduate of Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, she was a 1999 magna cum laude graduate in chemistry of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, where she met her husband, Frederick Drew Dodson; and

WHEREAS, she dedicated her life to helping children; and

WHEREAS, she was a 2003 graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans and completed her residency in pediatrics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she later served as an instructor at Harvard Medical School and as an urgent care physician at Boston Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Lindley and Drew married in 2006 and moved to Austin, Texas, in 2007 where she was a pediatric hospitalist at Dell Children's Medical Center and a faculty member in the Department of Pediatrics at Dell Medical School; and

WHEREAS, she was named Dell Children's Medical Center's top pediatric doctor in both 2012 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, she joined Children's Medical Group in 2017 and was honored to become the practice owner in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the mark she leaves as a trusted pediatrician to countless Austin families and as a treasured colleague and mentor to the medical community will endure, and her generosity and gifts of her time, talent, and kind heart will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, while her medical career was remarkable, her family always came first. She taught them to love, laugh, and pray every day, and to be thankful for their many blessings. She also taught them about all things Louisiana, which was always in her heart. She loved festivals and any excuse to wear a costume. She was a diehard LSU Tiger fan and a lifelong ambassador for Mardi Gras, celebrating with king cakes and beads every year; and

WHEREAS, she was committed to leading a life of caring for others as evidenced by the way she loved and cared for her family, friends, and patients; and

WHEREAS, she was accessible, funny, caring, determined, brilliant, selfless, and had an impact on everyone she met. Lindley was the epitome of beauty, both inside and out. Her laugh, like no other, came easily, and her joyfulness and spirit were infectious. To know Lindley was to love her; and

WHEREAS, she was an extraordinary wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, medical doctor, and friend who is survived by her loving husband, Frederick Drew Dodson, and her adoring children, Shaw, Tucker, and Loretta; her parents Paul Holden and Katherine Shaw Spaht; her brother, Paul Holden Spaht Jr. and his wife, Claire; her brother, William Carlos Spaht and his wife, Julia; nieces, Eliza Spaht, Peyton Spaht, Cappa Spaht, and Virginia Spaht; and nephew, Robert Holden Spaht. She is also survived by her aunt, Mary Jane Spaht Gill; her uncle, Carlos Gustave Spaht II and his wife, Jan; her uncle, William Marshall Shaw Jr.; cousins, John P. Everett, III, Mary Elizabeth Omeed, and Midgie Carolyn Spaht; and friends truly beyond measure; and

WHEREAS, Lindley was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, William Marshall Shaw and Jean Craighead Shaw, and paternal grandparents, Judge Carlos Gustav Spaht and Loretta Andrus Spaht; and

WHEREAS, the memory of Dr. Katherine Lindley Spaht Dodson will always remain in the hearts of her family and friends, whose hearts are forever broken by her absence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Katherine Lindley Spaht Dodson upon her untimely death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Dr. Katherine Lindley Spaht Dodson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE