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FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 15–13

Thanking and Commending Judith Schiebout, Sophie Bart, and Lillian Bridwell-Bowles for Outstanding Service

Sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Whereas the Faculty Senate expressed, through Resolution 15–06, its concern regarding a proposal to build a hazardous barge cleaning plant near the LSU A&M campus;

Whereas that expression of concern took the form of a call for community engagement and for direct action by faculty members;

Whereas the providing of examples of free debate and of the role of knowledge, reasoning, and leadership in the solving of difficult problems is one of the noblest enterprises of the academy;

Whereas faculty members demonstrate the value of shared governance when they help members of the administration detect, understand, and respond to unexpected, sometimes elusive challenges;

Whereas three faculty members—Judith Schiebout, Sophie Bart, and Lillian Bridwell-Bowles—recently distinguished themselves by leading both a university and a public movement in opposition to locating the aforementioned, dangerous facility in close quarters with LSU’s Baton Rouge campus;

Whereas, during their campaign, Professors Schiebout, Bart, and Bridwell-Bowles also demonstrated consummate mastery of social media, internet resources, and all those modern communication utilities that have become

integral to the modern educational project;

Whereas these educators provided an unrivaled example of good citizenship to students and administrators;

Whereas this tirelessly ingenious trio attained great, indeed, unprecedented success by arranging public forums, testifying at public hearings, and, in the end, prevailing in their cause, all to the good of LSU;

Therefore be it resolved that the LSU A&M Faculty Senate both thanks and commends Professors Judith Schiebout, Sophie Bart, and Lillian Bridwell-Bowles, both for their successes and achievements and for convincingly revealing the unity of education, duty, and courage.