

Chamber: J. Pat Beard Memorial Industry of the Year Award.

I am honored to accept this award on behalf of the 5000 employees of the LSUHSC-S. We think of ourselves as providers of state of the art health care, as teachers and as investigators - A band of scholars, if you will. This award has led us to think in more detail about our role as an economic engine for this area and this state. The current state administration has been making a sustained effort to improve economic conditions for Louisiana through improving higher education and emphasizing biotechnology based industry. There could be no better opportunity to reach these goals than by supporting the growth and development of the LSUHSC-S.

I have a short video to show, and then I would like to introduce some of the critical assets and supporters of the LSUHSC-S.

#### VIDEO

A medical center is a living-breathing organism comprised of many parts. That includes orderlies, aids, housekeepers, nurses, physical therapist and a host of others. However the soul of such an institution is in its primary supporters and faculty. Rather than using my time with an address I wish to introduce some of these critical people, and then Ask Dr. Jenkins the President of the LSU system to make some closing comments.

Mr. Carroll Feist, philanthropist, and guardian Angel

Dr. William Jenkins, President of the LSU System

Mr. Stuart Slack, activist member of the LSU BOS.

Ms. Virginia Sheehee leader in the development of the BRF.

Sen. Greg Tarver

Dr. Ike Muslow

Ms. Lisa Babin

Dr. Dennis O'Callaghan

Etc.