## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 254

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMILEY, AUBERT, AND LAMBERT AND SENATOR AMEDEE

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Donald A. Songy upon his retirement as superintendent of the Ascension Parish Public School System.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Donald A. Songy upon his retirement as superintendent of the Ascension Parish Public School System, a position in which he served with great honor and effectiveness from April of 2006 until June of 2010; and

WHEREAS, Donald Songy received undergraduate degrees in educational administration and mathematics education from Louisiana State University and Louisiana Tech University, respectively, and earned a master of education degree from LSU; and

WHEREAS, thirty-seven of Superintendent Songy's thirty-eight years in the field of education were spent in Ascension Parish, and he spent more than two decades in the parish's public schools, serving as a teacher at Gonzales Elementary School, East Ascension High School, and St. Amant High School; as assistant principal at Prairieville Elementary School and Gonzales Middle School; and as principal at Dutchtown Elementary School and Dutchtown Middle School; and

WHEREAS, prior to assuming the post of superintendent, Mr. Songy served the school system with distinction as director of personnel and administrative services and assistant superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Songy will forever be renowned for overseeing the movement of the school system from among the top ten Louisiana school systems on school performance scores to a very prestigious fourth place ranking in the state; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Songy is the husband of Kerry Stern Songy; the father of Bryan Songy and Meg Songy, who is married to Adam LeBlanc; and the proud grandfather of Elise Louise LeBlanc; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Songy merits a special measure of commendation for the generous and admirable way in which he has devoted his energy and talents to the full development of the students of Ascension Parish into informed, capable, and productive citizens of their community, their state, their nation, and the world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Donald A. Songy upon his retirement as superintendent of the Ascension Parish Public School System, does hereby recognize and record his outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions, does hereby extend enduring appreciation for his many years of distinguished and formative service in the school system, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Donald A. Songy.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE