

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Clara Caldwell for her service to others.

WHEREAS, Clara Caldwell is a unique woman of many talents; she is first and foremost a Christian, and in concert with her faith, the gifts with which she has been blessed have played a lifelong symphony of motherhood, community leadership, political activity, and friendship; and

WHEREAS, as found in Proverbs 31:28, Lonnie, Leonard Lewis, Jr., Gaynell, and Mark Anthony, who are the children of the union of Clara and Leonard Lewis Caldwell, Sr., call her blessed; her husband praises her as well; and

WHEREAS, Clara Caldwell worked with adults with developmental disabilities at Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries in Natchitoches and was one of the original employees of the agency; she secured employment for many in the Natchitoches area and drafted guidelines for the position of job coach; her guidelines are now the standard; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Clara initiated, implemented, and supervised the Supported Independent Living Program for persons with developmental disabilities; in this capacity, Clara found housing for her clients, furnished their living spaces, monitored them daily, and matched them with the resources needed for successful integration into the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Clara Caldwell retired from Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries and became an activist for continued support of the program; she volunteers her service at many organizations in Natchitoches Parish, sponsors voter awareness activities, and works with Women and Men of Honor, an organization she founded to empower individuals in her community; and

WHEREAS, Clara Caldwell is a member of Liberty Chapel Church in her hometown of Campiti, and she organizes civic events at the church for the benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer and caring spirit of Clara Caldwell has been infused into her children, who readily exhibit the same values of dedication to public service and are at her side in most of the activities Clara organizes; Clara has received a Citizenship Award from the office of the district attorney for Natchitoches Parish, and it is fitting to recognize the outstanding citizenship of Clara Caldwell.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Clara Caldwell for her laudable efforts on behalf of her fellow citizens in Natchitoches Parish and does hereby express enduring pride and great appreciation for all she does for others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Clara Caldwell.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES