

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 150

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Ms. Clevella "Ma" Gafford on her sixty years of excellence in teaching.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is extremely proud to honor Ms. Clevella "Ma" Gafford as an educator for her sixty years of service in educating countless young people from Red River Parish and the surrounding communities who have gone on to become successful citizens, parents, employers, and employees in the town of Coushatta, the state of Louisiana, and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gafford began her teaching career in 1957 and worked daily to open the world of learning for students, holding them to high expectations, challenging them to think critically, pushing them to excel in the face of any obstacle, and guiding their development as citizens; and

WHEREAS, excellent teaching is a labor of love and Ms. Gafford often used her own resources for her classrooms where students have the opportunity to display creativity and imagination and develop a passion for learning that will last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gafford taught at Springville High School, Coushatta High School and Ware Youth Center; and

WHEREAS, among those future leaders that Ms. Gafford educated was Kenny Cox, then a 10th grade student at Coushatta High School, who would later be elected to serve in the Louisiana Legislature, representing House District No. 43; and

WHEREAS, as evidence of her enduring efforts, Dr. Johnny Cox, mayor of the town of Coushatta, on behalf of the town council, citizens, businesses, and employees of the town of Coushatta, proclaimed May 27, 2017, as "Ms. Gafford's Day", in order to honor Ms. Gafford for an outstanding career as an educator; and

WHEREAS, it is also appropriate for the state of Louisiana to recognize Ms. Gafford and to honor her for her commitment and untiring dedication to her students and their education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ms. Clevella Gafford for her many years of service and dedication to the education of the children of this state; does hereby recognize and acclaim her contributions and public service; and does hereby extend to her best wishes for success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms. Clevella Gafford.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES