

A RESOLUTION

To commend Jackie Lynn Phillips Lansdale on her twentieth anniversary of service to the teachers and school employees of northwest Louisiana as president of Red River United.

WHEREAS, Jackie Lansdale has provided support for public education in the parishes of Caddo, Bossier, and Red River by being an advocate for the teachers and school employees of those districts; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Lynn Phillips was born in Shreveport on January 23, 1953, to Jack and Joan Phillips; and

WHEREAS, Jackie attended Carthage High School and Panola Junior College before earning her bachelor's degree in public administration from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, Texas; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from college, Jackie married Jimmy Lansdale; and

WHEREAS, Jackie and Jimmy welcomed three children to their family, Joanna, Josh, and Jordan, before relocating to Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Jackie earned her master's degree in social studies education at Southern Connecticut University, and a fourth child, Jake, joined the family; and

WHEREAS, Jackie and Jimmy returned to Louisiana, where she was employed as a teacher in the Caddo Parish school system; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lansdale joined the American Federation of Teachers' professional educators group in 1992 and quickly became very active in the organization; and

WHEREAS, as chair of the organizing committee, Mrs. Lansdale led the vote to charter the organization as the Caddo Federation of Teachers and Support Personnel (CFT-SP), and upon receiving its charter in 1996, Mrs. Lansdale was elected president; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, CFT-SP expanded to include the Bossier Federation of Teachers and was renamed Red River United; in 2013, Red River Parish teachers and support personnel joined Red River United; and

WHEREAS, Red River United is the largest local union of educators in the state; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Lansdale has worked tirelessly in her twenty years as president to ensure fair and lawful practices within school districts; she has a palpable passion for public education and is active in the annual recognition of most improved students in the districts; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Lynn Phillips Lansdale has had many accomplishments with her union brothers and sisters and through Red River United; she has effected positive change on issues such as duty-free lunch, input in the school calendar, expansion of extended sick leave, rights for teachers that express milk for their babies, and helping members achieve joy in teaching; and

WHEREAS, Jackie and Jimmy have six grandchildren: Sheamus, Jake, Eleanor, Jonah, Jasper, and Amelia, who are their pride and joy; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Lynn Phillips Lansdale is one of Louisiana's finest daughters, and she merits the highest measure of commendation for her exemplary years of service to public education and advocacy for the teachers and school employees of northwest Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jackie Lynn Phillips Lansdale for twenty years of dedication to public education; does hereby record for posterity the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend to Jackie Lynn Phillips Lansdale best wishes for continued success, prosperity, and happiness in the future as she continues to fight for public education and the return of the joy of teaching and the joy of learning to our schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jackie Lynn Phillips Lansdale.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES