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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 200

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Jill Harper Heard upon her retirement from Northwest Louisiana Technical College, Mansfield Campus.

WHEREAS, Northwest Louisiana Technical College is an institution devoted to offering quality technical education to support people, businesses, and industries; and

WHEREAS, for the past eighteen years, the Mansfield Campus's Dean has been Jill Harper Heard; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Heard received a bachelor of science degree in business education, a master of arts in human relations and supervision, and a master of arts in secondary school counseling from Louisiana Tech University; and

WHEREAS, after college, Ms. Heard worked in human resources and personnel management for the International Paper Company in Shreveport; Slaughter Industries in Dallas, Texas; and the Container Corporation of America in Arlington, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Heard began her tenure at Northwest Louisiana Technical College, Mansfield Campus as an instructor in 1988, later transferring to Student Personnel Services Officer, and becoming Director on June 5, 1995; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Heard's leadership, the Mansfield Campus is nationally accredited by the Council on Occupational Education, is eligible for Title IV Pell Grant funds that provide financial assistance to qualified students, has implemented two successful practical nursing programs and the patient care technician program, has remained current in the latest technology in the occupational fields of business and welding, and collaborates with both secondary and postsecondary educational systems to meet the needs of each student; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Heard has recently announced her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Heard's tenure at the college attests to her passion about the value of, and the critical need for, vocational-technical education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jill Harper Heard upon her retirement from Northwest Louisiana Technical College, Mansfield Campus, and thanks her for her contributions to vocational education in the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jill Heard.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES