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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY REPRESENTATIVES HALL, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BADON, BARRAS, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, STUART BISHOP, WESLEY BISHOP, BOUIE, BROADWATER, BROWN, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DOVE, EDWARDS, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HONORE, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, MIKE JOHNSON, ROBERT JOHNSON, JONES, KLECKLEY, LAMBERT, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MACK, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MONTOUCET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, ORTEGO, OURSO, PEARSON, PIERRE, PONTI, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THIERRY, WHITNEY, ALFRED WILLIAMS, PATRICK WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOODRUFF

A RESOLUTION

To commend former state representative Herbert B. Dixon, Sr., for his many years of dedicated and distinguished public service to Rapides Parish and the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, a native of Rapides Parish, Herbert B. Dixon, Sr., is the loving husband to Janet Hartwell Dixon and the proud father of five children: Herbert, Jr., Temika, Clayton, Rydell, and Brittany; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Mr. Dixon graduated from Peabody High School in Alexandria, Louisiana and earned a bachelor of science degree from Southern University in 1971; and

WHEREAS, as an honorable sailor in the United States Navy, bravely serving from 1972 through 1978, Mr. Dixon earned a Yeoman Class "A" Certificate in San Diego, California; and

WHEREAS, upon ending his military career, Mr. Dixon began to study at George Washington University in Washington, D.C, and would later earn a master of education degree from Southern University in 1975, and further earn thirty hours above a master's degree from Northwestern State University; and

WHEREAS, after completing his formal education, Mr. Dixon continued his commitment to education by becoming a teacher at Bolton High School in Alexandria, Louisiana, where he taught social studies; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Mr. Dixon became the staff representative for the Louisiana Federation of Teachers because of its mission to champion fairness, democracy, economic opportunity, and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for students and their families through community engagement, organization, collective bargaining, and political activism; and

WHEREAS, in November 1992, Mr. Dixon was elected to the Rapides Parish School Board where he served as a member for fifteen years and consistently demonstrated a dedicated spirit and an intense determination to improve the quality of public school education in Rapides Parish; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Representative Dixon was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives as the representative for House District No. 26, where he served his constituents with integrity and commitment, always keeping their interests as the driving force behind his decisions; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Louisiana Legislature, Representative Dixon introduced legislation that focused on improving the lives of all people, including legislation to establish a state minimum wage, to offer protection of public school teachers and other employees from physical abuse by students, and to combat dating violence in schools; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure at the Louisiana House of Representatives, Representative Dixon served on the House committees on commerce; education; house and governmental affairs; transportation, highways, and public works; and as chairman of the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dixon was also an active member of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, the Louisiana Democratic Caucus, and the Louisiana Rural Caucus; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his tremendous and unwavering public service to education and government in our state, Mr. Dixon has been actively involved in his community throughout his life and is affiliated with many organizations including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Cenla's Best, Rapides Democratic Executive Committee, Warhorse

Tailgate Association, Inc., Southern University Alumni Association, the D.A. Anderson Scholarship Committee and Zion Hill Church, where he worships as well as leads a governmental affairs educational outreach program that educates young church members about government; and

WHEREAS, after ending his service as state representative, Mr. Dixon is entering a new phase of public service and continuing his work as a lifelong advocate for the improvement of lives and accessibility to quality education by joining the Louisiana Workforce Commission as its Outreach Director; and

WHEREAS, as Outreach Director, Mr. Dixon will work with local Workforce Investment Boards and community partners to connect individuals who live in disadvantaged areas of the state with quality jobs; and

WHEREAS, Herbert Dixon is revered as an individual of strong character with a steadfast commitment to service which constructed an unwavering legacy of leadership in the central Louisiana area which he continues today.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Herbert B. Dixon, Sr., for his stellar career in education and government and his faithful commitment to the people of central Louisiana and does hereby extend to Mr. Dixon best wishes as he embarks upon new challenges and endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Herbert B. Dixon, Sr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES