

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY SENATORS MILKOVICH AND PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVE CARMODY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Albert Hardison upon his more than forty-five-year career as a well-respected school principal, mentor to educators, and leader of strong religious convictions and faith.

WHEREAS, Albert Hardison served as principal of Walnut Hill Elementary and Middle School in Shreveport, Louisiana, continuously since 1982, a position from which he recently retired; and

WHEREAS, following his educational training, Albert Hardison began his career in education as a teacher in 1974 at Claiborne Elementary School in Shreveport where he taught until 1978; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hardison moved to Hillsdale Elementary School, also in Shreveport, where he taught for the 1978-1979 school year; and

WHEREAS, continuing to work in Shreveport schools, the following year, Albert Hardison served as an administrative intern at Hollywood Elementary School, preparing for his first assignment as principal at Walnut Hill Elementary and Middle School for the 1980-1981 school year; and

WHEREAS, after spending the 1981-1982 school year as principal of West Shreveport Elementary, Albert Hardison returned to Walnut Hill Elementary and Middle School as principal and served in that capacity until going on leave this school year, prior to his retirement; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1992 and not yet halfway into his career as an educator, Mr. Hardison was recognized on both the parish and the state level for his remarkable leadership and extraordinary dedication to his school, its students, and faculty; and

WHEREAS, because of his lengthy career as an educator and his dedication and commitment to the students, faculty, and families of Walnut Hill Elementary and Middle School, Mr. Hardison received numerous awards and commendations throughout the years, but none perhaps more special than the 2008 naming of the new gymnasium at the Walnut Hill school for Mr. Hardison as the longtime principal; and

WHEREAS, Albert Hardison is a strong supporter of his Christian faith and believes schools would be a better place for learning and growing if voluntary prayer was a part of the school day and has invoked the power, presence, and the purposes of God throughout the entirety of his educational career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hardison has invoked God and Jesus and called for prayer in school publications while his community has supported his courageous advocacy of Christian values, and he has enjoyed the full support of his community and the Walnut Hill school family; and

WHEREAS, Albert Hardison was recognized as a distinguished school principal by the Louisiana Association of School Executives in 1999, received the Caddo Parish Parent Teacher Association Award in 2000, and was named Caddo Parish Middle School Principal of the Year in 2008; and

WHEREAS, as principal of Walnut Hill Elementary and Middle School, Albert Hardison's professional, moral, and spiritual excellence have brought him local, state, and national recognition and support.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Albert Hardison upon his more than forty-five-year career as a well-respected school principal, mentor to educators, and leader of strong religious convictions and faith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Albert Hardison.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES