

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY SENATOR HEWITT

A RESOLUTION

To commend Willie B. Jeter for his service to the St. Tammany Parish schools and the community.

WHEREAS, Willie B. Jeter was born to Rufus Jeter Jr. and Lula Green Jeter on November 8, 1945, in Bossier City, Louisiana; he grew up in Bossier Parish; his family were sharecroppers and he remained on several plantations growing up among thirteen siblings; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Redmond Spikes High School in 1963, in Elm Grove, Louisiana; in 1963, he attended Southern University in Baton Rouge on a legislative scholarship; and in June 1968, he received his bachelor's degree in health, physical education, and social studies; and

WHEREAS, Willie Jeter was hired as a health, physical education, and social studies teacher at Chahta Ima High School (an all-black school); he was the head basketball coach and assistant track and field and baseball coach; in 1969-1970, the schools were integrated, and Chahta Ima became an all boys junior high school and he remained a teacher and a coach; in 1974-1975 Chahta Ima and Bayou Lacombe became co-ed, and he coached all boys sports, was an administrative assistant (part-time), and taught; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeter went to Southeastern Louisiana University and received his master's degree with a concentration in administration and supervision and also earned plus thirty hours from Southeastern Louisiana University and University of Southern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, he became the principal at St. Tammany Junior High in 1991-1995, where he continued to coach basketball; in January 1995 he became the assistant personnel director for the St. Tammany Parish School System; in June of 2004, he retired with thirty-six and one-half years from the St. Tammany Parish School System; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Willie Jeter became the assistant director and later the director of Recreation District 4 of Lacombe, Louisiana; while serving as director of Lacombe Recreation District 4, in 2010, he was elected to the St. Tammany Parish School Board for District 7 and was re-elected in 2014; he is currently serving in that same position, but after forty plus years of coaching basketball, he finally gave it up; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud father of one daughter, Sheila Jeter Hayes, two grandsons: Jonnathan and Joshua Hayes, and a beautiful dog named Gaylord; he is a member and past master of the Parson Lodge #45 Prince Hall affiliate, Free and Accepted Mason of Slidell, Louisiana; he is a member of the St. Tammany Parish School Board, National School Board Association, member of the Northshore Black Elected Officials and Coalition and Associates, member and on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Caucus of Black School Board Members, member of Louisiana School Board Association, and a member of Starlight; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willie Jeter has made a difference in the lives of so many children and has had a lifetime of outstanding accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon people like Willie B. Jeter.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Willie B. Jeter for his service to the St. Tammany Parish schools and to the community, does hereby record his outstanding contribution of time and talent and for his hard work, dedication, and continuous commitment, and does hereby extend best wishes for success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Willie B. Jeter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE