

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 182

BY SENATORS PRICE AND LAMBERT

A RESOLUTION

To commend Joanie Basso for her dedicated service to education in Louisiana and to record and recognize her numerous contributions to Louisiana's young people during the forty years she has devoted to improving the knowledge and skills of students as a teacher and librarian in the schools of Ascension Parish.

WHEREAS, Joanie Basso has worked for forty years as a teacher and librarian in the Ascension Parish public school system; and

WHEREAS, as a first grade teacher for thirteen years, she laid the foundation for success for hundreds of students, using her remarkable teaching skills and boundless energy to achieve amazing results; and

WHEREAS, later, as librarian for twenty-seven years, she continued to inspire and motivate thousands of students, fostering in them a love for reading which she did by conducting motivational activities, setting reading goals for the students, and rewarding them with incentives and parties for achieving these goals; and

WHEREAS, Joanie Basso also worked for four decades as a 4-H sponsor for her schools and, in this role, she organized many activities for the members, including charitable activities such as visiting nursing homes and distributing food baskets to needy families and conducting safety events throughout the school years, for which her 4-H Club received numerous awards from the National Safety Congress; and

WHEREAS, after a career of providing leadership and service to the 4-H students, Joanie was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchtown community has been blessed by the presence of Joanie Basso and her efforts have been a key ingredient in the success of its schools; and

WHEREAS, after forty years of dedicated, unselfish service, she has earned the respect and admiration of all; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the long years of steadfast service of Joanie Basso to the young people of Louisiana, to whom she has tirelessly given of her ability, her knowledge, and her concern, and to record for posterity that her efforts to provide for the education of students in her care have been effective indeed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Joanie Basso upon the occasion of her retirement from the Ascension Parish public school system and for her dedicated service to education in Louisiana, and does record and recognize her numerous contributions to Louisiana's young people during the forty years she has effectively pursued her chosen vocation as a teacher and librarian in the schools of Ascension Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend to Joanie Basso its appreciation for her long and productive service and do wish her the very best in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Joanie Basso.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE