

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 219

BY SENATORS DORSEY-COLOMB, BROOME AND CLAITOR

A RESOLUTION

To congratulate Linda Seale Chauviere on the occasion of her retirement as head of school at St. James Episcopal Day School and to commend her for forty-six years of dedication to the education of young people in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Linda Seale Chauviere was born in Baton Rouge to Virgil and Ruth Seale; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Glen Oaks High School in 1965 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University in 1969; and

WHEREAS, while attending LSU, she met Arnold Chauviere and they married shortly after her graduation; and

WHEREAS, while teaching full-time in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System from 1969 until 1991, Mrs. Chauviere earned her Master of Education in Administration and Supervision from LSU, as well as her Plus-Fifteen and numerous other education certificates, distinctions, and honors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chauviere was selected as East Baton Rouge Parish School System Teacher of the Year in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, she became a LEAP specialist for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and served in that capacity with distinction for six years; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Mrs. Chauviere became a school administrator, serving as principal at Prescott Middle School, assistant principal of instruction at Scotlandville Middle Magnet School, and principal at Magnolia Woods Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, she left the East Baton Rouge Parish School System to serve the state as director of the Distinguished Educator Program at the State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, shortly after retiring from the State Department, Mrs. Chauviere was called to serve as the head of school for St. James Episcopal Day School in downtown Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Mrs. Chauviere made sure that displaced families had a place to send their younger children to school by opening up enrollment at St. James and hiring additional teachers also displaced by the hurricane; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, in 2009, St. James became the only private elementary school in Louisiana history to be named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, with all her professional accomplishments, she is most proud of her family, husband Arnold and son Kurt; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to her dedication to education and teaching abilities, Kurt was valedictorian at Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge, graduated *magna cum laude* in History from Harvard, and earned a law degree from Harvard, *magna cum laude*; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chauviere is retiring from St. James Episcopal Day School in July, after forty-six years of distinguished service in the field of education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate Linda Seale Chauviere on the occasion of her retirement as head of school at St. James Episcopal Day School and commend her for forty-six years of dedication to the education of young people in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Linda Seale Chauviere.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE