

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY SENATOR SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Rita Mann on her retirement from the Beauregard Parish school system after thirty-nine years of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, Rita Mann began her career as an educator at DeRidder Junior High School as an English teacher; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 she became superintendent of the Beauregard Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career educating the children of Beauregard Parish, Ms. Mann focused on excellence in public education; and

WHEREAS, she has strived for high academic achievement and the healthy development of all children; and

WHEREAS, one of her goals as superintendent is to provide high standards and quality instruction in classrooms, as well as ensure a safe and productive school environment; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mann believes that for children to be fully educated, they must be technologically literate; and

WHEREAS, as superintendent, she made technology a priority by implementing "School Reach", a software program that allows principals to contact parents in minutes with emergencies and invitations to attend special events; and

WHEREAS, she also implemented a "Communication Center" which allows parents to track student progress through an online database; and

WHEREAS, "On-course" is a software program utilized by Ms. Mann that allows teachers to construct lesson plans through the Internet; and

WHEREAS, she also made use of "Aesop" which is a system that aids in the organization of substitute teachers; and

WHEREAS, under her direction and administration, Ms. Mann has been instrumental in ensuring that the Beauregard Parish public schools consistently rank above national and state testing averages; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mann has been a dedicated superintendent and respected colleague in Beauregard Parish; and

WHEREAS, Rita Mann merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for her extraordinary contributions to the students, teachers and administrators in Beauregard Parish, and to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Rita Mann on her retirement from Beauregard Parish school system after thirty-nine years of dedicated service, recognizes her outstanding accomplishments and contributions to Beauregard Parish and to Louisiana, and wishes her happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Rita Mann.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE