

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 164

BY SENATOR GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Robert "Bobby" E. Marlow on the occasion of his retirement as an educator.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Robert "Bobby" E. Marlow on the occasion of his retirement as an educator  
3 after nearly fifty years in the profession.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bobby Marlow, a native of Natchez, Mississippi, was born to James  
5 Anthony Marlow Sr. and Thelma Ford Marlow on December 29, 1945, the youngest of five  
6 children, and he was educated in the public schools in his home state, graduating from  
7 Adams County High School in 1964; and

8 WHEREAS, Bobby Marlow considers the greatest influence in his life, other than  
9 his parents, his junior high school teacher and coach, Robert M. Dearing, who was a role  
10 model and an inspiration for Mr. Marlow to become an educator; and

11 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Mr. Marlow accepted a football  
12 scholarship to play football at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, now known as  
13 Copiah-Lincoln Community College, in Wesson, Mississippi, and in 1966 he enrolled at the  
14 University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi from which he graduated in  
15 1968 with a bachelor's degree; and

16 WHEREAS, Bobby Marlow made the move from his native Mississippi to Louisiana  
17 in 1968 when he accepted his first teaching position at Morgan City High School in Morgan  
18 City, Louisiana, where he taught until 1971; and

1           WHEREAS, in August 1971, Mr. Marlow accepted a teaching and coaching position  
2 at Parkway High School in Bossier City, Louisiana, making a permanent move to North  
3 Louisiana and remaining at Parkway through 1986; and

4           WHEREAS, while teaching through the school year, Bobby Marlow also attended  
5 classes at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, where he received a master's degree in  
6 education in 1980; and

7           WHEREAS, at the beginning of the 1986-1987 academic year, Mr. Marlow moved  
8 to Elm Grove Middle School, in Elm Grove, Louisiana, as assistant principal under the  
9 tutelage of principal Ken Kruithof, serving in that capacity until 1991; and

10          WHEREAS, becoming principal after having served as assistant principal of the Elm  
11 Grove Middle School since 1986, was the next logical step in his career and Mr. Marlow  
12 accepted the principalship in 1991, serving until 2010; and

13          WHEREAS, Elm Grove Elementary was established in 2010, taking the primary  
14 grades to a separate campus and Bobby Marlow made the final move of his academic career  
15 to become the principal of the new elementary school, serving until his retirement at the  
16 conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year; and

17          WHEREAS, Mr. Marlow married Alice Ferguson Marlow and the two are the  
18 parents of a lovely daughter, Lori Harper, and they enjoy interacting with their grandchildren  
19 Jill, Rob, and Ali; and

20          WHEREAS, because of his long and successful tenure at Elm Grove Elementary,  
21 Bobby Marlow was principal when all of his grandchildren attended the school, a  
22 particularly special circumstance; and

23          WHEREAS, the Marlows have led a busy life in the community while Mr. Marlow  
24 has been involved in his academic career, particularly being active members of Bellaire  
25 Baptist Church with Mr. Marlow serving as deacon from 1985 until the present and as a  
26 Sunday school teacher; and

27          WHEREAS, Mr. Marlow maintains membership in the Louisiana Association of  
28 School Executives, the Bossier Association of Principals, and is a lifetime member of the  
29 Louisiana High School Athletic Association; and

30          WHEREAS, on the last day of the 2016-2017 school year, students, faculty, and staff

