

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY SENATOR PRICE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Assumption Parish Police Jury for renaming of the Dorseyville Park to the Gilbert Dupaty Memorial Park.

WHEREAS, Gilbert Dupaty was born to the late Willie and Victoria Davis Dupaty on August 13, 1914, in the Dorseyville Community, a community that was founded and established by his grandmother, Mrs. Angeline Dorsey; and

WHEREAS, he was married to the late Ruth Beasley Dupaty on July 23, 1936, and to this union thirteen children were born, Gerald Dupaty, Barbara Thomas, Bessie Joseph, Audrey Stredick, Joycelyn Carter, Linda, Stanford, Lois, and Curtis Dupaty, Debra Fernandez, the late Ruth Ella Muse, the late Raymond, and Willie Dupaty; and

WHEREAS, he worked at Bronier Thibaut & Co. Glenwood Cooperative, Inc. for forty-three years from 1939-1982 and after retiring he worked as building maintenance attendant for Ronny Sternfels of Sternfels Insurance Agency and also pursued politics; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert Dupaty became the first African American to serve on the Assumption Parish Police Jury, serving from June 5, 1972 until his death on October 4, 1989; he was elected vice president of the police jury June 2, 1980; and he represented all of the people in Assumption Parish Ward 1, with honesty, integrity, dedication, and love for all; and he served with various Assumption Parish government offices and on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, he secured block grants for public roads and sewer projects, recreational programs for youths, and housing projects, and programs to assist the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert Dupaty served on Assumption Parish Library Board, Assumption Parish Council on Aging, Assumption General Hospital Board, and South Central Planning and Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, he accepted Christ in 1922 and was very active in his church, Canaan Baptist Church, where he was Senior Deacon and Superintendent of Sunday School, Member of Mt. Moriah Lodge #17 and held the highest degree in the Masons, Master Mason 33rd Degree, only four of the many services and organizations he was affiliated with; and

WHEREAS, he made time to do the things he loved: gardening, hunting, and fishing, which were all hobbies he enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert Dupaty took great personal pride and enjoyment in giving of himself to his family, community, parish, and church in whatever services were needed; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert Dupaty was a great father, seasoned public servant, diligent worker, and Christian; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in acquiring the property for the Dorseyville Community Park in Assumption Parish Ward 1; and

WHEREAS, in his honor the Assumption Parish Police Jury is renaming the Dorseyville Park on June 23, 2018, as the Gilbert Dupaty Memorial Park.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Assumption Parish Police Jury for renaming of the Dorseyville Park to the Gilbert Dupaty Memorial Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and record for posterity the life and accomplishments of Gilbert Dupaty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Assumption Parish Police Jury.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE