

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Wanda Bennett for her years of exemplary public service and to congratulate her upon the occasion of her retirement from the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the dedicated public service that Wanda Bennett has provided to the citizens living and working in Bossier Parish as the elected police juror representing District Three; and

WHEREAS, since her election to the police jury in 2008, her commitment to the growth, safety, and prosperity of the parish and its people has been exceptional; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Bennett has served Bossier Parish in a myriad of capacities that includes election to the Bossier City Council from 1978 until 1989; and

WHEREAS, during her fourteen-year tenure as the 911 System Director for the Bossier Parish Communications District, she was influential in the implementation of an emergency call network throughout all of the parish; and

WHEREAS, she also served as state president of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials-International, the oldest and largest organization of public safety communications professionals; and

WHEREAS, she also functioned as state president of the National Emergency Number Association, a professional network focused on the issues of 911 communications, policy, technology, operations, and education; and

WHEREAS, previous to her election to the police jury, Mrs. Bennett acted as president of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, while on the Board of Directors of Coordinating and Development Corporation, Wanda Bennett monitored the availability of local public services and the expansion of economic opportunity developments throughout the Ark-La-Tex; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Bennett has been a mentor and role model for newly elected members of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, and has always provided her seasoned guidance to novice jurors; and

WHEREAS, born in Marshall, Texas, and reared in north Louisiana, Wanda graduated from Bossier High School and continued her educational pursuits by completing professional studies at Bossier Community College, Louisiana State University-Shreveport, and Centenary College of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Wanda is well respected among her peers for that "can do" attitude, in her lengthy career, she has applied years of institutional knowledge, skill, and expertise to improve specific issues that involve parish government; and

WHEREAS, she has been honored for her many accomplishments with receipt of the Athena Leadership Award from the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce and by induction into the Bossier High School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, as a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church of Bossier City, Wanda is also an active member of the church choir; and

WHEREAS, she was married to her late husband, Ernest "Bo" Bennett until his passing in 2014, and their union has been blessed with three children, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a host of extended family and friends, all of whom she holds dear to her heart; and

WHEREAS, as an enthusiastic pacesetter, Wanda Bennett exemplifies all the finest qualities of a proficient parochial official who continuously pursues the best interests of those she serves.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bossier Parish Police Juror Wanda Bennett for her invaluable public service to the citizens of the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Wanda Bennett.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES