

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

COMMENDATIONS: Posthumously commends Angelle Deshautelles for her service to the Ascension Parish Library

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To posthumously commend Angelle Deshautelles on thirty-three years of service to the
3 Ascension Parish Library.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Deshautelles first joined the Ascension Parish Library as assistant
5 director in 1987, three years after earning her master's degree in library science from
6 Southern Mississippi University; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Deshautelles became director of the Ascension Parish Library in
8 1992; throughout her early years with the library, she relentlessly promoted reading and
9 emphasized the library's importance in the Ascension Parish community; and

10 WHEREAS, Angelle led the library through a period of tremendous growth; during
11 her directorship the Ascension Parish Library added new locations in Galvez and Dutchtown,
12 and existing locations were expanded and renovated; she also advocated for the purchase of
13 land in St. Amant, which will be the site of another library in Ascension Parish; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2005, Ms. Deshautelles proposed a cooperative agreement with
15 Ascension Parish to finance construction of the Dutchtown library location and the
16 expansion and renovation of the Gonzales location without increasing taxes; and

17 WHEREAS, her impact extended beyond the creation and renovation of additional
18 library locations; Ms. Deshautelles played a critical role in the planning and implementation
19 of many focused library services and initiatives, such as technology resource rooms, with
20 computers, internet service, and computer classes, which facilitated a fundamental shift away
21 from exclusively paper materials towards computers and electronic media; and

1 WHEREAS, Angelle also pushed for the addition of an outreach vehicle to expand
2 the libraries' services to underserved areas of the parish as well as the adoption of adult
3 literacy and English as a second language programs; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Deshautelle's professionalism motivated her to join the American
5 Library Association, the Public Library Association, and the Louisiana Library Association,
6 the latter of which she served as an officer from 2001 to 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Deshautelles's accomplishments were often recognized by her
8 peers; the Ascension Parish Library was awarded the James O. Modisette Award for Public
9 Libraries in 1994, 2000, and 2014, making it the only library in Louisiana to achieve this
10 award three times under the same director, and she received the Anthony H. Benoit Mid-
11 Career Award in 2004 and the Essae Mae Culver Distinguished Service Award in 2014; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Angelle Deshautelles understood and emphasized the value of
13 public libraries, and her willingness to give to her community and assist her fellow librarians
14 is certainly worthy of recognition, gratitude, and commendation.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby posthumously commend Angelle Deshautelles, former
17 Ascension Parish Library director, on her service to the Louisiana community and dedication
18 to the public library system; does hereby express genuine appreciation for the work of Ms.
19 Deshautelles; and does hereby eternally record her amazing and inspiring career with the
20 Ascension Parish Library.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 family of Ms. Angelle Deshautelles and the director of the Ascension Parish Library.

DIGEST

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