

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 218

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend Dawn Lea Brewster for many years of distinguished and formative service to the schools and teachers in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, and to record her notable accomplishments and manifold contributions to education in Louisiana, as well as the generous and admirable way in which she has devoted her energy and talents to the full development of students into informed, capable, and productive citizens in their communities.

WHEREAS, Dawn Lea Brewster has dedicated her professional career to working in and working toward improving the quality of education in Louisiana, and in particular, in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Lea Brewster earned a Bachelor of Arts with a major in elementary education at Southeastern Louisiana University in 1975, a Masters in Administration and Supervision at Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge) in 1982, and Plus 30 hours at Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge) and Southern University (Baton Rouge) in 1996; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Ms. Brewster has served as a principal, an assistant principal, a teacher for instructional support, a Title I reading and mathematics teacher, and a teacher for first, second, and third grades; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brewster's contributions to the East Baton Rouge Parish School System reach into her community where she has been an active member with the Baker Pilot Club, the YMCA summer school program as a teacher, a member of the East Baton Parish Textbook Committee, a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Strategic Planning Team, a member of the East Baton Parish Desegregation Resource Equity Committee, and member of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brewster has also lent her time and expertise to numerous organizations, including the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana as president,

vice president, state board membership chairman and historian; the International Reading Association; the Capital Area Reading Council; the Baton Rouge Area Council of Teachers of Mathematics; the National Association of Elementary School Principals; the Kappa Kappa Iota National Teacher Sorority as president; and the Council for Exceptional Children; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her vital contributions to the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, Ms. Brewster has earned great respect among her colleagues and has received many awards including the Johnny Appleseed Professional Service Award, the Sisterhood/Brotherhood Award at Merrydale Elementary, and Teacher of the Year at Dalton Elementary while working toward academic excellence by raising the bar to ensure that students attain a high quality education in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Lea Brewster's many contributions have gone far beyond the classroom and have made a tremendous impact in the education community in East Baton Rouge Parish; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Lea Brewster is a remarkable woman who represents all that is good about Louisiana and whose achievements have truly touched the lives of those blessed enough to know her as a teacher, mentor, peer, and friend; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a special measure of commendation be extended to the wonderful Dawn Lea Brewster.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dawn Lea Brewster for her many years of distinguished and formative service to the schools and teachers in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System; and does record for posterity her notable accomplishments and manifold contributions to education in Louisiana as well as the generous and admirable devotion of her energy and talents to the full development of students into informed, capable, and productive citizens in their communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dawn Lea Brewster.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE