

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 143

BY SENATOR STINE

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Reverend Francis "Boo" Creveling Kay upon the occasion of her retirement after fifty-five years of faithful service to Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School and the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, and to express enduring gratitude for her outstanding contributions to education, faith, and the community.

WHEREAS, Rev. Francis "Boo" Kay began her exceptional career in 1970 at Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School (EDS) in Lake Charles, Louisiana, dedicating fifty-five years to nurturing and educating generations of students; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Boo" a childhood nickname given by her father that would become beloved by all who know her, Rev. Kay exemplifies the rare blend of educator, leader, mentor, and spiritual guide; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Kay has served the school in numerous capacities, beginning as a teacher, later becoming principal in 1986, and ultimately serving as both a spiritual and educational leader in her dual role as an Episcopal priest and educator; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, she shepherded the school through extraordinary growth, including the expansion to a high school and the establishment of the EDS South campus on donated and acquired land at Graywood; and

WHEREAS, inspired by a deep spiritual calling, Rev. Kay was ordained a deacon in 2000, and later a priest in the Episcopal Church on June 22, 2014, embodying her lifelong dedication to faith, education, and community service; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School remained steadfast in its mission of academic excellence within a Christian environment, touching the lives of countless students and families in Southwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a devoted mother to Denis, Donald, and Brian, and grandmother and great-grandmother to a growing family, Rev. Kay has always exemplified the values of love, humility, and service; and

WHEREAS, officially retiring from EDS on June 30, 2025, after an unparalleled career of over half a century, Reverend Kay will continue to serve her faith and community as a rotating priest at Good Shepherd and other Episcopal congregations; and

WHEREAS, her life and legacy are best summed up by the words of Matthew 25:21: "Well done, my good and faithful servant," as her work has forever enriched the community and will continue to inspire future generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Reverend Francis "Boo" Creveling Kay on the occasion of her retirement and does acknowledge and celebrate her profound legacy of leadership, faith, and service, and extend to her the heartfelt gratitude and best wishes of the people of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Reverend Francis "Boo" Kay.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE