

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 157

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Ginger Gustavson for her contributions and years of leadership in education upon the occasion of her retirement as Head of School from First Baptist Church School in Shreveport.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Ginger Gustavson for her contributions and years of  
3 leadership in education on the occasion of her retirement as Head of School at First  
4 Baptist Church School in Shreveport.

5 WHEREAS, a proud graduate of Benton High School, Ginger Gustavson  
6 distinguished herself athletically as an All-State basketball player in 1987 and later  
7 competed collegiately in both golf and basketball, and a member of the inaugural LSU  
8 Shreveport Lady Pilots basketball team, where she remains among the school's all-time  
9 leading scorers; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1993 Ginger graduated from Louisiana State University in Shreveport  
11 (LSUS) with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Math, and in 2008 she earned a Master's  
12 Degree in Education plus 30 Graduate Hours from LSUS and went to work in the Caddo  
13 Parish school system; and

14 WHEREAS, Ginger's career includes service at Woodlawn High School, Southwood  
15 High School, C.E. Byrd High School, Caddo Middle Magnet, Broadmoor Middle Laboratory  
16 School, First Baptist Church School, and the Caddo Parish schools central office, during  
17 which she served as an administrative assistant for math and physical education at First  
18 Baptist Church School and the Caddo Parish school system; a counselor at C.E. Byrd High

1 School; and a math curriculum specialist in the Caddo Parish school system providing  
2 instructional support to math teachers in grades 6 through 12; consistently demonstrating a  
3 passion for empowering students and supporting educators; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gustavson has faithfully served the students of northwest  
5 Louisiana in her capacity as a teacher, counselor, curriculum specialist, and administrator,  
6 earning the admiration and respect of colleagues, students, parents, alumni, and community  
7 leaders by leading with vision, integrity, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to  
8 academic excellence and student success; and

9 WHEREAS, under her leadership, Captain Shreve High School experienced  
10 continued growth in graduation rates, student achievement, parental involvement, and  
11 enrollment, while earning recognition as a National PTA School of Excellence and gaining  
12 accolades for student leadership advocacy and academic achievement and she was named  
13 the 2020 Louisiana Association of School Executives Regional Principal of the Year, an  
14 honor reflecting the profound impact she has made on students, educators, and the broader  
15 educational community and in 2021 Ginger was named Caddo Parish Public Schools High  
16 School Principal of the Year; and

17 WHEREAS, throughout her career, Ginger has exemplified the value of teamwork,  
18 discipline, perseverance, and leadership; the attributes she brought to First Baptist Church  
19 School as Head of School beginning in July 2023; and

20 WHEREAS, under her leadership as Head of School, Ginger expanded on First  
21 Baptist Church School's history of excellence and was responsible for a major facilities  
22 project and the sports complex that will benefit the school's students for years to come; and

23 WHEREAS, Ginger Gustavson has deep roots in education which extend throughout  
24 her family, including her parents, both retired educators, her husband David Gustavson, a  
25 longtime LSU Shreveport educator, and her siblings who also serve the students of Caddo  
26 Parish; and

27 WHEREAS, Ginger's leadership style, marked by energy, competitiveness,  
28 innovation, and genuine care for others, leaves an enduring legacy to the students, faculty,  
29 and families at First Baptist Church School in Shreveport and throughout the educational  
30 community of Louisiana; and

