

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 189

BY SENATOR REESE

A RESOLUTION

To commend James Williams for his forty-four years of distinguished service to the students, educators, and families of Vernon Parish, to recognize his extraordinary leadership as superintendent of the Vernon Parish School Board, and to congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, James Williams graduated from Leesville High School in 1977 and continued his academic journey at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1982; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Mr. Williams further advanced his professional preparation by earning a Master's Degree in Education Administration from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams began his career in education in 1982 as a social studies teacher at Leesville High School, where he served until 1986; and

WHEREAS, in August 1986, he joined the faculty of Crowley High School as a social studies and physical education teacher, serving the students of Acadia Parish until August 1990; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams returned to Leesville High School in 1990, where he taught social studies and physical education and coached multiple sports, demonstrating a deep commitment to student development both inside and outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Mr. Williams was promoted to assistant principal of Leesville High School, and in 1999 he became principal, a position he held with distinction for a decade; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Williams accepted the role of transportation and food service director for the Vernon Parish School Board, ensuring safe, efficient, and student-centered operations across the district; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, he was appointed Superintendent of the Vernon Parish School Board, a role in which he has served for over twelve years, guiding the district with integrity, vision, and unwavering dedication; and

WHEREAS, throughout his forty-four year career, Mr. Williams has been a steadfast leader, a mentor to educators, and an inspiration to countless students, families, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Williams will now enter a well-earned retirement, leaving behind a legacy of excellence that will continue to shape the Vernon Parish School System for generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend James Williams for his forty-four years of distinguished service to the students, educators, and families of Vernon Parish, recognizes his extraordinary leadership as superintendent of the Vernon Parish School Board, and congratulates him on the occasion of his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to James Williams.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE