

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 402

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Loretta Wiley for completing a master's degree at the age of seventy-five.

WHEREAS, Loretta Wiley is a Christian, mother, grandmother, and widow who resides in the unincorporated community of Princeton in Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wiley attended elementary and high school in the Bossier Parish School System; in 1967, she had the privilege of being a member of the first class enrolled at Southern University at Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wiley completed her undergraduate education at Southern University at Baton Rouge and graduated in 1971 with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wiley resumed her education in 2006, enrolling at Louisiana Tech University to pursue a master's degree; after a pause in her educational journey, she re-enrolled at Louisiana Tech as a post-baccalaureate student in 2021 to pursue an undergraduate certification in forensic psychology; and

WHEREAS, after completing the undergraduate certificate, Ms. Wiley enrolled as a graduate student and earned a graduate certificate in domestic violence; she continued her higher educational pursuits by working on a master's degree in human services, which she received on May 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wiley served as a substitute teacher prior to and throughout her graduate studies, and she has supported her students and served her community with dedication and care; she will continue to serve in this capacity for the remainder of her professional career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wiley is a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church of Shreveport, which is led by Bishop Bernard Kimble; with her education complete, she intends to dedicate time engaging in volunteer community service; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Wiley is most deserving of the highest recognition for completing a master's degree at the age of seventy-five, and her academic milestone serves to inspire others to pursue their dreams with confidence and dedication.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Loretta Wiley for completing a master's degree at the age of seventy-five and does hereby extend sincere wishes that she remain prosperous in all of her endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES