

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 167

BY REPRESENTATIVE HALL

A RESOLUTION

To commend Shirley Yvonne Cole Williams upon her retirement from Rapides Parish Schools.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Shirley Yvonne Cole Williams upon her retirement from Rapides Parish Schools after thirty-four years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams is a 1974 graduate of Peabody School, now known as Peabody Magnet High School, in Alexandria, Louisiana; she graduated a semester ahead of her high school class and enrolled at Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in Baton Rouge in January of 1974; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 1978, she graduated from Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College with a bachelor of science degree in business education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams worked for Rapides Bank, the Tioga Branch, for two years before securing a position as a business education teacher at Tioga High School for the 1980-1981 school year; during the 1981-1982 school year, she taught business education at Buckeye High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams moved into the special education field and secured a dual teaching certificate after completing the requirements from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches in 1984; and

WHEREAS, during the fall of 1983 until the fall of 2005, Ms. Williams taught special education at Bolton High School; during her twenty-two year tenure at Bolton High School, Ms. Williams completed a comprehensive mentor training program and until 2005, she served as a teacher mentor helping to train beginner teachers; she also wrote and implemented a business education curriculum and taught keyboarding and income tax preparation to students with learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams left an incredible mark at Bolton High School by serving as LEAD teacher in the special education department for many years; and

WHEREAS, from January of 2006 until December of 2006, Ms. Williams taught at Peabody Magnet High School; and

WHEREAS, from 2007 until May 21, 2015, Ms. Williams served as the LEAD teacher for the special education department at Arthur F. Smith Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams is the loving mother of Terrence Williams and Michael Williams; the mother-in-law of Tanya; and a proud grandmother; and

WHEREAS, she is an active member of Zion Hill Church in Pineville; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement after thirty-four wonderful years of service to Rapides Parish Schools, it is appropriate to commend Shirley Yvonne Cole Williams.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Shirley Yvonne Cole Williams upon her retirement from Rapides Parish Schools after thirty-four years of dedicated service and does hereby extend to her best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Shirley Yvonne Cole Williams.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES