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2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends D.C. Machen Jr. on his many accomplishments in public education and on his retirement from the Bossier Parish School Board.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend D. C. Machen Jr., superintendent of schools for the Bossier Parish School
3	Board, for his many contributions to public education, for numerous improvements
4	in classroom instruction and efficiency, and for forty-two years of invaluable public
5	service in the teaching profession.
6	WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana,
7	recognize D. C. Machen Jr. as an outstanding teacher, principal, and administrator and
8	congratulate him upon his pending retirement from the Bossier Parish school system in July,
9	2016; and
10	WHEREAS, D. C. Machen has worked tirelessly for the benefit of public school
11	education by improvements in classroom experiences, with application of new technologies
12	and critical thinking skills, and the furtherance of STEM curricula that includes advanced
13	pursuits in science, engineering, and mathematics; and
14	WHEREAS, these academic benchmarks were achieved, in part, with new
15	approaches to classroom instruction which allow for more concentrated instruction time and
16	study with fewer interruptions; and
17	WHEREAS, D. C. Machen believes that a partnership exists between academics and
18	leadership development and that energies expended toward leadership training for students,

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parents, faculty, and administrators reaps the greatest rewards; and

WHEREAS, under his tutelage, scholastic achievement has been augmented with character education and a community service initiative, "Helping Hearts: The Power of We"; this service project exposes the student to a high level of personal commitment to the community and contributes positively to the fulfillment of a well-appointed individual; and WHEREAS, his odyssey in education began in 1974, when D. C. obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Northeast Louisiana University, now known as University of Louisiana at Monroe; and he would later garner a master's degree in Educational Administration from Louisiana State University; and WHEREAS, his teaching career originated at Plantation Park Elementary where he taught science and social studies and coached athletics, then he later coached football, basketball, and track at his alma mater, Rusheon Junior High School; and WHEREAS, his ascent in leadership began as administrative assistant and later principal at Greenacres Junior High, then principal of Airline High School; in 1999, he was named assistant superintendent of administration and personnel at the board and in 2009, was promoted to superintendent of schools in Bossier Parish; and WHEREAS, D. C. Machen was instrumental in the development of the Long Range Planning Committee, a task force assembled to study student overcrowding and provide effective utilization of school facilities; those efforts brought about the passage of two separate bond elections that approved nearly \$300 million in new construction, repairs, and improvements to school properties; and WHEREAS, D. C. was well known for his application of enhanced educational technologies that included mentoring programs in junior high, successful administration of Prospective Administrator Leadership Seminars (PALS), a program to better prepare future leaders for positions in the school administrations; implementation of the parish-wide Positive Behavior Support Program, and establishment of the Over-age Eighth Grade Program at Butler Educational Complex; and WHEREAS, he has been honored with numerous awards and recognitions that include being named Outstanding Young Educator by the Bossier Jaycees and selection as Bossier Parish High School Principal of the Year in 1997 and 1999; and

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1	WHEREAS, D. C. has created a Christian home and a family of teachers; his wife
2	and Bossier High School sweetheart, Maria Bouso is a retired teacher, and their two
3	children, Kyle and Leigh, are also educators; and
4	WHEREAS, during his tenure, D. C. Machen has affected the learning opportunities
5	of two generations of Bossier Parish school students and has shared a lifetime of invaluable
6	knowledge with teachers and administrators in development of educational leadership; and
7	WHEREAS, D. C. Machen has proved himself to be a man of many talents, a man
8	of his word, and a man whose dedication to education has left a priceless gift to the citizens
9	of Bossier Parish and to the state of Louisiana.
10	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11	commend Superintendent D. C. Machen Jr. for forty-two years of service to Bossier Parish
12	and its school board, and for his many accomplishments made on behalf of the betterment
13	of public education and the teaching profession.
14	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15	congratulate D. C. Machen Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement from the Bossier Parish
16	School Board and wishes for him the very best in all his future endeavors.
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
18	Bossier Parish School Board Superintendent D. C. Machen Jr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

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Commends D. C. Machen, superintendent of schools for Bossier Parish School Board on his years of service and his retirement.