

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 240

BY SENATORS GATTI AND PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Ruth Shirley Heidecker for 43 years of dedicated service as an educator and congratulates her on her retirement.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend outstanding educator, Ruth Shirley Heidecker of Bossier City, Louisiana, for
3 her many contributions made on behalf of public education, and to congratulate her
4 on a well-deserved retirement after forty-three years in the education profession.

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Heidecker announced her retirement from Apollo Elementary
6 School after a stellar career as a first-grade teacher of reading and mathematics; and

7 WHEREAS, during her tenure, Ruth Heidecker was an exemplary educator and a
8 passionate advocate for elementary education; and she was always patient with her students,
9 willing to go the extra mile for administrators, and supportive of her colleagues; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Heidecker felt an obligation to provide encouragement and
11 inspiration to her students so they would develop a lifelong interest in reading and learning;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Ruth Heidecker possesses a gracious demeanor and a keen intellect
14 having earned a bachelor of science degree from Northeast Louisiana University (now
15 known as University of Louisiana at Monroe) and a master's degree in education from
16 Centenary College in Shreveport; and

17 WHEREAS, Ruth Heidecker is a certified elementary teacher and reading specialist
18 who has applied her tireless work ethic to improve the classroom experience for the benefit

1 of her students and she is also faculty supervisor of teacher education candidates; and

2 WHEREAS, she has witnessed advancements in educational practices during her
3 career and has implemented numerous innovations in reading instruction that include
4 Accelerated Reader, sight word applications, and phonics; and

5 WHEREAS, Ruth Heidecker is most praiseworthy for her exceptional dedication to
6 the teaching profession, a vocation that resonates in every fiber of her being, and for her
7 intense involvement in improved scholastic achievement for the hundreds of students
8 entrusted to her care; and

9 WHEREAS, on May 25, 2018, Mrs. Heidecker will relinquish First Grade Room
10 #103 to a new teacher, a classroom she had occupied since the 1980s; and

11 WHEREAS, Ruth Heidecker has proved to be an educator of boundless energy and
12 ability, a person of great empathy and vision, and a teacher whose devotion to education has
13 been a priceless gift to the public school system of Bossier Parish and the state of Louisiana.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
15 does hereby commend and congratulate Ruth Heidecker for her many contributions to
16 further the pursuits of elementary education and reading proficiency in young students and
17 does hereby recognizes her for a lifetime of devotion to the education profession.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
19 Mrs. Ruth Shirley Heidecker and Laura Leflett, principal of Apollo Elementary School.

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

DIGEST

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Commends Ruth Shirley Heidecker of Bossier City on her retirement as a 1st grade teacher
at Apollo Elementary School.