

2020 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY SENATOR HEWITT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Leo Joseph Casanave on the occasion of his retirement from the St. Tammany Parish School System after 53 years of service as a math and science teacher and counselor.

A RESOLUTION

To commend Leo Joseph Casanave for fifty-three years of dedicated service as a math and science teacher and counselor upon his retirement from the St. Tammany Parish School System.

WHEREAS, Leo Joseph Casanave, a lifelong resident of Lacombe, Louisiana, has been associated with the St. Tammany Parish School System and a part of the school community since he attended and graduated from St. Tammany High School in 1960; and

WHEREAS, he attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, earning a Bachelor of Science in math and science in 1965; he obtained a Master of Education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma, in 1970; and he continued his education by receiving a Plus 30 from Southern University in Baton Rouge, while also attending Loyola University, Southern University of New Orleans, Prairie View A&M University, and Northwestern State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Casanave began his career as a teacher in 1965 at St. Tammany High School where he taught math and science for five years; he became the school counselor in 1970, and was a counselor until he retired in 2004 after forty plus years of service; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, he returned to St. Tammany Junior High School as an

1 administrative assistant until his retirement in May; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Casanave worked as the youth coordinator for the Job Training  
3 Partnership Act (JTPA) for twenty-eight years where he placed over six thousand youth and  
4 adults with work opportunities; and

5 WHEREAS, he also managed the St. Tammany Parish Federal Credit Union for  
6 twenty-seven years; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Casanave is currently a St. Tammany Parish Fire Department  
8 District #3 commissioner, where he serves as secretary, a volunteer for the Lacombe  
9 Recreational Department coach Little League baseball; a member of Phi Delta Kappa,  
10 Southern University Alumni Association, and Knights of Columbus of Slidell, as well as a  
11 charter member of Men of Our Town Civic and Social Club; and

12 WHEREAS, he is a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Lacombe  
13 and a longtime member of the senior choir; is a former board member and past president of  
14 Boys' and Girls' Club of Slidell, and was a member of the feasibility study for the Boys' and  
15 Girls' Club of Slidell and Pope John Paul High School; and

16 WHEREAS, Leo is married to Anjo Smith Casanave and they celebrated their  
17 fifty-third wedding anniversary on June 3, 2020; this union created two children, Donovan  
18 Videl and Donnis Vanee'; one daughter-in-law, Amber; one five-year-old grandson, Aden  
19 Donovan; one son-in-law, Reggie; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Casanave has taught or counseled four generations of children in  
21 many families; he has made a difference in the lives of many; and

22 WHEREAS, in retirement, Leo plans to spend time with his grandson, travel, fish,  
23 garden, and just enjoy his life; and

24 WHEREAS, through Mr. Casanave's many years of selfless service to the St.  
25 Tammany Parish School System and the people of St. Tammany Parish, he proved to be an  
26 educator of boundless energy and ability, a person of great empathy and vision, and a teacher  
27 whose devotion to education has been a priceless gift to the public school system of St.  
28 Tammany Parish and the state of Louisiana, and merits a special measure of commendation.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
30 does hereby commend and congratulate Leo Joseph Casanave for his many contributions and

1 enduring legacy created from teaching and counseling in the St. Tammany Parish School  
2 System for fifty-three years and volunteering countless hours of service to the community,  
3 does hereby recognize his lifetime of devotion to the education profession, and does hereby  
4 extend best wishes in all his future endeavors.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Leo  
6 Joseph Casanave.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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