

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRESSLY AND SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend John Gholson on his retirement after fifty years of service to First Baptist Church School in Shreveport.

WHEREAS, Mr. Gholson is a 1964 graduate of Northwestern State University; he received a bachelor of arts degree from the university's school of education after majoring in language arts, literature, and social studies; he received his master's degree in supervision and administration from Louisiana State University in 1973; and

WHEREAS, John's first job in education was as a middle school history and language arts teacher and language curriculum coordinator in the Caddo Parish School system; in 1970, after six years of teaching, he and two fellow educators established First Baptist Church School in Shreveport, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist Church School was founded as a mission of First Baptist Church of Shreveport; the school has grown significantly since its founding and currently serves more than four hundred students; and

WHEREAS, since meeting the challenge of founding a new school, Mr. Gholson has served First Baptist Church School as a teacher, assistant headmaster, and on the school's board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, John has been recognized throughout his career for his numerous achievements; in 1995, he was recognized for his twenty-five years of dedicated service to First Baptist Church School, and in 2012, he received the "Spirit of Patriotism Award", which is one of the highest honors the school gives; he has long been a guiding presence in many student activities including National Junior Honor Society, Louisiana Geography Bee, KTBS/Scripps Spelling Bee, and the Duke University TIP scholars program; and

WHEREAS, John Gholson is a truly inspiring man who understands the importance of education and a motivating learning environment; he possesses a passion for education that has earned him the privilege of a decades-long career teaching, inspiring, and celebrating the lives of hundreds of students; he is most deserving of recognition for his five-decade career in education and his contributions to First Baptist Church School.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend John Gholson on his retirement after fifty years of service to First Baptist Church School in Shreveport; does hereby recognize Mr. Gholson for his dedication to each of his students throughout his entire career; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that he prosper as he begins his well-earned life in retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to John Gholson.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE