

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATORS CORTEZ, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, FESI, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JACKSON, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, STINE, TALBOT, TARVER, WHITE AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To commend J. Rogers Pope for his many years of distinguished and dedicated public service to the citizens of Livingston Parish and the people of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, with the love and support of his wife Pat and children Kevin and Allison, J. Rogers Pope has selflessly served the citizens of Livingston Parish for 54 years; and

WHEREAS, J. Rogers Pope, a graduate of Denham Springs High School, with a bachelor and masters degree in education from Southeastern Louisiana University, has engaged and encouraged the youth of Livingston Parish to be productive and responsible citizens during a career spanning 38 years as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and principal, including 14 years as Superintendent of the Livingston Parish Public School System; and

WHEREAS, while parish superintendent Pope was instrumental in transforming the Livingston Parish Public School System into one of the most productive and highest achieving school systems in the state, earning many distinguished awards, including being named 1998 Distinguished Educator, 2000 State Superintendent of the Year, and elected 2001 President of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement as superintendent in 2001, Rogers ran for public office and was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 2008, serving the citizens of District 71 as a member on the House committees on education, health and welfare, transportation, appropriations, and retirement, and then continued until his 2020 election to Louisiana Senate District 13 where he serves on the environmental quality, health and welfare, revenue and fiscal, and transportation committees; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career in elected office, Rogers' legislative actions and decisions have been consistently grounded in his professional experiences and activities involving education as well as his membership in various organizations, including the Livingston Economic Development Council, the Istrouma Area Boy Scouts, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Association, the Louisiana Family Forum, the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Childcare Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana State Troopers Association, the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, and the Louisiana School Board Association; and

WHEREAS, as executive director of the Louisiana Association of School Executives, Rogers helped draft and implement important legislation impacting the quality of K-12 education in our state; and

WHEREAS, with his background, experience, and knowledge of state government and the legislative process, Rogers worked closely with legislators and officials in the governor's office to articulate and respond to the needs of the citizens of District 13; and

WHEREAS, always the epitome of statesmanship, J. Rogers Pope's demeanor and professionalism will be sorely missed by all who came to know him, particularly his colleagues, staff, and constituents in District 13.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends J. Rogers Pope for his many years of distinguished and dedicated public service to the citizens of Livingston Parish and the people of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable J. Rogers Pope, the distinguished legislator representing Louisiana Senatorial District 13.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE