

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON AND CHANEY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Bettye Smith Dixon upon the momentous occasion of her ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, Bettye Smith Dixon was born on May 5, 1926, in Bienville Parish to Jonah and Olva Smith; she was delivered by her paternal grandmother, Sarah Durham; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, she graduated from Coleman High School in Gibsland; she furthered her education at Grambling State University, where she received a degree in elementary education in 1951; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 1947, she married Hosea Leonard Dixon, and the couple remained married until Hosea's death on March 30, 1991; she is the devoted mother of four daughters, Brenda, LaRonda, Emelda, and Rona, her adopted daughter, and one son, Lee Andrew; she is a proud grandmother and great-grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dixon began her teaching career at Cedar Grove, and she taught at Magnolia High School, Terry Elementary School, Combs McIntyre High School, and Kilbourne High School; after thirty-five dedicated years of educating the youth in West Carroll Parish, Ms. Dixon retired in May of 1986; and

WHEREAS, after her retirement, Ms. Dixon did testing for the United States Army for three years in the parishes of East Carroll, West Carroll, Richland, and Ouachita; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, she began her service as director of the Head Start program for West Carroll Parish; and

WHEREAS, she is a faithful member of Church Street Church of God and a former member and trustee of the Women's Missionary Department; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Smith Dixon merits a sincere measure of commendation for the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her family and friends, her community, and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bettye Smith Dixon upon the momentous occasion of her ninetieth birthday; does hereby recognize and record for posterity the extraordinary life she has lived in the nine decades since her birth; and does hereby wish her continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bettye Smith Dixon.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES