

1 and as principal of C.E. Byrd High School from 1970 until 1986; and

2 WHEREAS, his sixteen years at Byrd High School were the pinnacle of his teaching
3 career with many rewarding moments; during that time Dr. Shaw was named a Danforth
4 Fellow, an appointment which required an in-depth study of issues affecting BHS and
5 possible solutions to address the problems; his efforts resulted in a comprehensive
6 renovation of the campus and the origins of a STEM curricula and the mathematics and
7 science magnet program; in 2000, he was proudly inducted into the Byrd High School Hall
8 of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, from 1987 until 1994, Dr. Shaw served as an elected member of the
10 Caddo Parish School Board and served as its president in 1992; and

11 WHEREAS, for thirty-eight years, Dr. Shaw was a concerned schoolteacher,
12 administrator, and supervisor who valued punctuality and personal effort and was
13 remembered by staff and students alike for his tireless work ethic; and

14 WHEREAS, Buddy Shaw had the rare privilege of service in both houses of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana for a combined total of twelve years, he was elected to District 6
16 of the House of Representatives from 1996 until 2004, and was later elected to District 37
17 of the Senate of Louisiana from 2008 until 2012; and

18 WHEREAS, as a legislator, Buddy Shaw embodied the best qualities of a public
19 servant; he held a genuine interest in the people he served and felt a personal responsibility
20 to represent all of his constituency with honesty and integrity; and

21 WHEREAS, while in the House of Representatives Dr. Shaw served as a member of
22 the House committees on Education, Health and Welfare, Retirement, Environment, and
23 Transportation, Highways and Public Works; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Shaw held membership in the Senate committees on Education,
25 Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, and Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and served
26 as vice chairman of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee; and

27 WHEREAS, through his extraordinary talents for deliberation and good humor, he
28 brought to fruition important legislation that included ethics reform, fiscal controls, tax
29 reform, retirement, regional economic development, and transportation infrastructure; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw drew upon his invaluable experience in education to promote

1 legislative reform to improve the classroom environment for teachers and students; and

2 WHEREAS, numerous civic, educational, and religious organizations benefitted
3 from his involvement as a member and president of the Louisiana School Boards
4 Association, as a member on the board of trustees of Northwestern State University and East
5 Texas Baptist University, as president of the NSU Alumni Association, and as a member of
6 Rotary Club of East Shreveport, Rotary International (District 6190); and

7 WHEREAS, as a lifelong Christian, he served his Creator as a deacon and member
8 of the Broadmoor Baptist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw felt a close affiliation to educational institutions he attended
10 and his generosity established scholarship endowments at the C.E. Byrd High School
11 Alumni Association, Northwestern State University, and East Texas Baptist University; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Buddy Shaw received many accolades and was quite honored to be
13 named to the Northwestern State University Hall of Distinguished Educators; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw is survived by his wife, Dr. Mary Ann Neff Shaw; daughters
15 Stephanie Shaw, Mary Jane Lowder, and her husband Charles; son, Chris Minor; grandsons,
16 Charles "Preston" Lowder IV, and his wife Sarah; Dr. James David Lowder, and his wife
17 Katie; great-grandchildren, Mary Ellen Lowder, Molly Elizabeth Lowder, Charles "Charlie"
18 Preston Lowder V, and Huck Shaw Lowder, along with extended family and close friends;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Buddy Shaw was an individual of remarkable intellect and a
21 creative thinker with respect to educational issues and brought this creativity to the daunting
22 tasks of educator and school administrator; he surmounted the considerable obstacles that
23 exist regarding improvements in education; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw was a gifted educator and mentor for generations of students
25 who were bolstered by his motivation, and who strived to create successful lives and a better
26 world; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Buddy Shaw leaves a vast legacy to three generations of citizens
28 who have been affected by his public service to education and to local and state political
29 venues; "he served because he cared".

30 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

1 express sincere condolences upon the passing of a beloved statesman and educator, the
2 Honorable B. L. "Buddy" Shaw EdD and does hereby recognize the legacy of public service
3 the he leaves to the citizens of northwest Louisiana and this state.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his
5 widow, Dr. Mary Ann Neff Shaw.

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

DIGEST

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Expresses condolences upon the death of former legislator and educator, Dr. B. L. "Buddy"
Shaw of Shreveport.