

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Albert Hardison upon his more than forty-five-year career as a school principal, mentor to educators, and leader of religious convictions and faith.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Albert Hardison upon his more than forty-five-year career as a well-respected
3 school principal, mentor to educators, and leader of strong religious convictions and
4 faith.

5 WHEREAS, Albert Hardison served as principal of Walnut Hill Elementary and
6 Middle School in Shreveport, Louisiana, continuously since 1982, a position from which he
7 recently retired; and

8 WHEREAS, following his educational training, Albert Hardison began his career in
9 education as a teacher in 1974 at Claiborne Elementary School in Shreveport where he
10 taught until 1978; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hardison moved to Hillsdale Elementary School, also in
12 Shreveport, where he taught for the 1978-1979 school year; and

13 WHEREAS, continuing to work in Shreveport schools, the following year,
14 Albert Hardison served as an administrative intern at Hollywood Elementary School,
15 preparing for his first assignment as principal at Walnut Hill Elementary and Middle School
16 for the 1980-1981 school year; and

17 WHEREAS, after spending the 1981-1982 school year as principal of West
18 Shreveport Elementary, Albert Hardison returned to Walnut Hill Elementary and Middle

1 School as principal and served in that capacity until going on leave this school year, prior
2 to his retirement; and

3 WHEREAS, beginning in 1992 and not yet halfway into his career as an educator,
4 Mr. Hardison was recognized on both the parish and the state level for his remarkable
5 leadership and extraordinary dedication to his school, its students, and faculty; and

6 WHEREAS, because of his lengthy career as an educator and his dedication and
7 commitment to the students, faculty, and families of Walnut Hill Elementary and Middle
8 School, Mr. Hardison received numerous awards and commendations throughout the years,
9 but none perhaps more special than the 2008 naming of the new gymnasium at the
10 Walnut Hill school for Mr. Hardison as the longtime principal; and

11 WHEREAS, Albert Hardison is a strong supporter of his Christian faith and believes
12 schools would be a better place for learning and growing if voluntary prayer was a part of
13 the school day and has invoked the power, presence, and the purposes of God throughout the
14 entirety of his educational career; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Hardison has invoked God and Jesus and called for prayer in school
16 publications while his community has supported his courageous advocacy of Christian
17 values, and he has enjoyed the full support of his community and the Walnut Hill school
18 family; and

19 WHEREAS, Albert Hardison was recognized as a distinguished school principal by
20 the Louisiana Association of School Executives in 1999, received the Caddo Parish Parent
21 Teacher Association Award in 2000, and was named Caddo Parish Middle School Principal
22 of the Year in 2008; and

23 WHEREAS, as principal of Walnut Hill Elementary and Middle School, Albert
24 Hardison's professional, moral, and spiritual excellence have brought him local, state, and
25 national recognition and support.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
27 commend Albert Hardison upon his more than forty-five-year career as a well-respected
28 school principal, mentor to educators, and leader of strong religious convictions and faith.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
30 Mr. Albert Hardison.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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