

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 236

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMITH AND CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend and express sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Beverly A. Vincent of Baton Rouge for eighteen years of highly effective service as a session sergeant-at-arms.

WHEREAS, for eighteen years, Beverly A. Vincent of Baton Rouge has provided exemplary service to the Louisiana House of Representatives as a session sergeant-at-arms; and

WHEREAS, in this important role, Ms. Vincent has served during countless meetings of House committees, helping to maintain order and proper protocol under often challenging circumstances, ever calm and unflappable no matter how crowded the room, how long the proceedings, or how heated the debates; and

WHEREAS, from her station outside the House chamber during floor proceedings, Ms. Vincent has delivered hundreds if not thousands of notes and messages regarding legislation to the one hundred five members of the House, serving as an important conduit of communication between constituents, lobbyists, and legislators in the course of House business affecting people throughout the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, prior to her public service with the House of Representatives, Ms. Vincent had a long career in the field of education; for thirty-five years, she served with great distinction as a social studies teacher and librarian in a juvenile corrections setting, Scenic High School, which was part of the Louisiana Training Institute (LTI) under the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vincent was widely respected and admired during her highly productive career at LTI and was recognized as the Outstanding Professional in the area of librarianship at Scenic High School in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vincent retired from Scenic High School in March of 2000, and in the fall of 2002, she was appointed to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board to fill an

unexpired term; she represented District No. 3 with distinction until the next elected member took office; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vincent ultimately returned to school service at Brighter Horizon School of Baton Rouge, sharing her vast knowledge and expertise as a social studies teacher and librarian for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vincent is an alumna of the Capitol High School Class of 1957, graduated from Southern University with a bachelor of science degree, and has been a very active member of the community, serving with organizations such as the Louisiana Coalition of African American Breast Cancer Survivors, the American Cancer Society's People-to-People Involvement Committee, and the Nonpareil Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in their farewell addresses to the House, several state representatives have publicly thanked Ms. Vincent from the well for her excellence as a session sergeant-at-arms and for her kindness to them personally, demonstrating the positive and lasting impact she has had on this institution and its members during the multiple legislative terms she has so capably and steadfastly served; and

WHEREAS, Beverly A. Vincent merits a special measure of commendation and gratitude for her many significant accomplishments and especially for her dedicated service to the Louisiana House of Representatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and express sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Beverly A. Vincent of Baton Rouge for eighteen years of highly effective service as a session sergeant-at-arms; does hereby recognize and record for posterity the role she has played in the vital process of democracy in action; and does hereby extend to her enduring thanks for her professionalism and friendship and best wishes for continued happiness and success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Beverly A. Vincent.