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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRESSLY AND SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS: Commends John Gholson on his retirement after fifty years of service to First Baptist Church School in Shreveport

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend John Gholson on his retirement after fifty years of service to First Baptist
3	Church School in Shreveport.
4	WHEREAS, Mr. Gholson is a 1964 graduate of Northwestern State University; he
5	received a bachelor of arts degree from the university's school of education after majoring
6	in language arts, literature, and social studies; he received his master's degree in supervision
7	and administration from Louisiana State University in 1973; and
8	WHEREAS, John's first job in education was as a middle school history and
9	language arts teacher and language curriculum coordinator in the Caddo Parish School
10	system; in 1970, after six years of teaching, he and two fellow educators established First
11	Baptist Church School in Shreveport, Louisiana; and
12	WHEREAS, First Baptist Church School was founded as a mission of First Baptist
13	Church of Shreveport; the school has grown significantly since its founding and currently
14	serves more than four hundred students; and
15	WHEREAS, since meeting the challenge of founding a new school, Mr. Gholson has
16	served First Baptist Church School as a teacher, assistant headmaster, and on the school's
17	board of trustees; and
18	WHEREAS, John has been recognized throughout his career for his numerous
19	achievements; in 1995, he was recognized for his twenty-five years of dedicated service to
20	First Baptist Church School, and in 2012, he received the "Spirit of Patriotism Award",
21	which is one of the highest honors the school gives; he has long been a guiding presence in

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many student activities including National Junior Honor Society, Louisiana Geography Bee,
KTBS/Scripps Spelling Bee, and the Duke University TIP scholars program; and

WHEREAS, John Gholson is a truly inspiring man who understands the importance of education and a motivating learning environment; he possesses a passion for education that has earned him the privilege of a decades-long career teaching, inspiring, and

celebrating the lives of hundreds of students; he is most deserving of recognition for his five-

decade career in education and his contributions to First Baptist Church School.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend John Gholson on his retirement after fifty years of service to First Baptist Church School in Shreveport; does hereby recognize Mr. Gholson for his dedication to each of his students throughout his entire career; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that he prosper as he begins his well-earned life in retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to John Gholson.

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