

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY SENATOR MILLIGAN

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Lana Gilliam on her retirement after forty-eight years as a kindergarten teacher.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Lana Gilliam on the occasion of her retirement after forty-
3 eight years as a kindergarten teacher.

4 WHEREAS, born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas, Lana Gilliam graduated from
5 John L. McClellan High School in 1971; and

6 WHEREAS, while attending Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas,
7 Lana married Bobby S. Gilliam in January 1975 and graduated in May of that year; and

8 WHEREAS, she began her career teaching kindergarten at First Baptist Church
9 Sunday School in Arkadelphia and moved with her family to Baton Rouge where she taught
10 kindergarten at Bakerfield Elementary School in Baker, Louisiana for three years while her
11 husband finished his law degree at L.S.U.; and

12 WHEREAS, Lana moved to Shreveport in 1978 as a kindergarten teacher at Eden
13 Gardens Elementary Magnet (formerly Eden Gardens Elementary School) teaching in the
14 same classroom for forty-five years; and

15 WHEREAS, during her career Lana has taught approximately 1,240 five-year olds
16 in addition to having taught many of her students' parents in her classroom; and

17 WHEREAS, always believing that "school should be fun", as her students moved to
18 middle school, Lana would invite them back for some teacher advice and to have a party;

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2 WHEREAS, when her pupils graduated from high school, Lana would send each one
3 a "graduation packet" of kindergarten memories including photos and art work from their
4 time in her classroom along with their "When I Grow Up" paper; and

5 WHEREAS, recognized as an Outstanding Teacher in 1986 by KTBS Television
6 Station, Lana continued her work having a positive impact on the many young people in her
7 classroom; and

8 WHEREAS, knowing that August may be a little sad without her pupils, Lana's
9 attitude is the same she instilled in others: "Having a plan is half the battle even if you have
10 to improvise and utilize Option B or even sometimes Option C".

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12 hereby congratulates Lana Gilliam on the occasion of her retirement from the Caddo Parish
13 Public School System as a kindergarten teacher after forty-five years at Eden Gardens
14 Elementary Magnet and further acknowledges and commends Lana for her dedication and
15 professionalism during her forty-eight year career as a teacher.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
17 Lana Gilliam.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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Congratulates Lana Gilliam on the occasion of her retirement from the Caddo Parish Public
School System as a kindergarten teacher after 45 years at Eden Gardens Elementary Magnet
and further acknowledges and commends Lana for her dedication and professionalism
during a total of 48 years as a teacher.