

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY REPRESENTATIVES MINCEY, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BEAULLIEU, BISHOP, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BRASS, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, COUSSAN, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DUBUISSON, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, FRIEMAN, GADBERRY, GAINES, GAROFALO, GEYMAN, GLOVER, GOUDEAU, GREEN, HARRIS, HILFERTY, HODGES, HOLLIS, HORTON, HUGHES, HUVAL, ILLG, IVEY, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MARINO, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCKNIGHT, MCMAHEN, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, MOORE, MUSCARELLO, NELSON, NEWELL, ORGERON, CHARLES OWEN, ROBERT OWEN, PHELPS, PIERRE, PRESSLY, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHLEGEL, SEABAUGH, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, STEFANSKI, TARVER, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WHEAT, WHITE, WILLARD, WRIGHT, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, CORTEZ, DUPLESSIS, FESI, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JACKSON, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, STINE, TALBOT, TARVER, WHITE, AND WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable J. Rogers Pope and to express enduring gratitude for his outstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana, particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, J. Rogers Pope is a notable public servant who has served with excellence as a state legislator since taking office in 2008, during which time he has fully used every opportunity to serve the citizens of House District No. 71, Senate District No. 13, and the state in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Denham Springs High School, Senator Pope received a bachelor's degree and a "master's plus thirty" in education from Southeastern Louisiana University; and

WHEREAS, while serving in the House, Mr. Pope's diligent committee service included serving as a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the House

Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, the House Committee on Retirement, the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; and

WHEREAS, Senator Pope has served in the Senate as vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality as well as a member of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, and the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the legislature, Senator Pope has authored and supported many significant pieces of legislation; and

WHEREAS, Senator Pope has served as a member of the Capital Region, Northshore, and Republican delegations and the Rural Caucus; and

WHEREAS, prior to his legislative service, Senator Pope spent decades as a respected and beloved educator in Livingston Parish; he served as a teacher, coach, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent and was named the Louisiana Superintendent of the Year in 2000; and

WHEREAS, additionally, in recognition of his many contributions to education in his community, the courtyard at Southside Junior High School, where he served as the first principal upon the school's opening in 1979, was named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, J. Rogers Pope will forever have a special place in the chronicles of the history of Louisiana as one of the state's most outstanding public servants; and

WHEREAS, as he prepares to embark on the next chapter of his life, Senator Pope merits a sincere measure of commendation for his singular contributions as an educator and legislator.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable J. Rogers Pope; does hereby extend honor and recognition to him for his accomplishments, particularly during his tenure as a member of the legislature, which has been marked by his uncompromising endeavor to improve the welfare of his constituents and all of the citizens of Louisiana; and does hereby pay tribute to him for the generous and

effective way in which he has dedicated his intelligence and his energy to the service of his family, friends, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby expresses enduring gratitude to Senator Pope for his service to Louisiana, as evidenced by his superlative achievements as a member of this distinguished body, and does hereby extend to him the best wishes of all his colleagues for continued prosperity and success in his future endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE