

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR PERRY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dr. David Dupuis on his retirement.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate David Dupuis, PhD, on thirty-seven years of dedicated
3 service as a teacher, coach, and principal.

4 WHEREAS, David Dupuis, a longtime resident of Vermilion Parish and principal
5 of Rene Rost Middle School in Kaplan since 2007, retired at the end of the school year; and

6 WHEREAS, he attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now University
7 of Louisiana at Lafayette) and Louisiana State University, earning a bachelor of science
8 degree, a master's degree in education, and an Education Specialist degree; and

9 WHEREAS, on December 31, 2009, he graduated from NOVA Southeastern
10 University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership;
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12 WHEREAS, David Dupuis served as principal at Gueydan High School in the late
13 1990s, then at J.H. Williams Middle School, and then on to Kaplan High School, before
14 becoming principal at Rene Rost Middle School; and

15 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in starting girls softball teams at Gueydan High
16 School, J. H. Williams Middle School, and Rene Rost Middle School and is proud that the
17 Kaplan High School Lady Pirates won the Class 3A state title while he was principal at the
18 high school in 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Dupuis, an adjunct professor at University of Louisiana at Lafayette
2 in the education department for many years, will continue in that role, and hopes to return
3 to the classroom and coaching, especially softball; and

4 WHEREAS, he also served as mayor of the town of Gueydan for four years; and

5 WHEREAS, living what he was taught by his parents, his father the late C.P. and
6 mother Helen, to treat people with love and kindness, he enjoyed watching students and
7 teachers succeed, cherishes the time he spends with people, and attributes his success to
8 others, including students, teachers, and parents; and

9 WHEREAS, his biggest supporters are his wife, Anita Freeland Dupuis, and his four
10 children, Derek 29, Lauren 25, Hayden 13, and Bailey 11, and being with them will be the
11 best part of his retirement; and

12 WHEREAS, David Dupuis is held in the highest regard by his students and
13 colleagues for his ability to motivate students to succeed beyond their own expectations and
14 because he has consistently demonstrated a dedicated spirit and an intense determination to
15 improve the quality of education in Vermilion Parish; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana wish to
17 express utmost gratitude and respect for the exemplary strides David Dupuis has made in the
18 molding of young minds and talent.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20 does hereby commend David Dupuis, PhD, upon the occasion of his retirement, does hereby
21 recognize and record for posterity his extraordinary contributions to the education of the
22 youth of Vermilion Parish and his legacy of dedication and excellence in education, and does
23 hereby wish him every measure of success and happiness in his future endeavors.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 David Dupuis.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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