

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR PERRY

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2009, he graduated from NOVA Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership; and

WHEREAS, David Dupuis served as principal at Gueydan High School in the late 1990s, then at J.H. Williams Middle School, and then on to Kaplan High School, before becoming principal at Rene Rost Middle School; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE