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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for its thirty-six years of exceptional community service performed on behalf of the special needs of youth residing in the parishes of Caddo and Bossier.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for its thirty-six years of exceptional community service performed on behalf of the special needs of youth residing in the parishes of Caddo and Bossier.

WHEREAS, the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program is sponsored by the Caddo Council on Aging, Inc. and is federally funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service-National Senior Corps; and

WHEREAS, this nationwide program offers senior adults, aged fifty-five years and older, an opportunity to contribute to their community as mentors, tutors, and caregivers for children with special needs through a network of various organizations; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers provide extraordinary services that address numerous social issues with positive outcomes such as, enhanced employment skills for economically disadvantaged youth, improved behavioral conduct and educational results for students with special needs, familial support for abused or neglected children, and emotional support for children of veterans and deployed military service personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program couples the willingness of senior citizens with their capacity to devote time, experience, and compassion to better prepare these children for the future ahead; and

WHEREAS, for nearly four decades, this program of very special volunteers continues to fulfill its mission to provide much needed guidance and support to disadvantaged youth and exceptional children.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program for thirty-six years of exceptional community service on behalf of special needs children in Caddo and Bossier parishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend best wishes and continued success to the coordinators and participants of the Caddo Council on Aging.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Caddo Council on Aging, Foster Grandparent Program manager, Neva Jones.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan Montague.

DIGEST

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Commends the Caddo Council on Aging for its Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program and its 36 years of exceptional community service performed on behalf of the special needs of youth in the parishes of Caddo and Bossier.