

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of a beloved statesman and educator, the Honorable B. L. "Buddy" Shaw EdD, of Shreveport, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with deep remorse that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the death of this remarkable public servant, Dr. Buddy Shaw, who served his community as a teacher, principal, and school board member, then continued to serve the citizens of Caddo and Bossier parishes as an elected member of both houses of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, born in the hamlet of Jamestown in Bienville Parish in 1933, Buddy Shaw received both a bachelor of science degree and a master's degree in education from Northwestern State University, and then received a doctorate in Education from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw knew the value of education and that the attainment of knowledge was the basis of a better life for an individual as well as his community; the

pursuit of learning was a personal goal that he imparted to the thousands of students who came under his tutelage; and

WHEREAS, his illustrious career in teaching began in 1956 as a classroom teacher at Hamilton Terrace Junior High, then as assistant principal at Youree Drive Junior High; and as principal of C.E. Byrd High School from 1970 until 1986; and

WHEREAS, his sixteen years at Byrd High School were the pinnacle of his teaching career with many rewarding moments; during that time Dr. Shaw was named a Danforth Fellow, an appointment which required an in-depth study of issues affecting BHS and possible solutions to address the problems; his efforts resulted in a comprehensive renovation of the campus and the origins of a STEM curricula and the mathematics and science magnet program; in 2000, he was proudly inducted into the Byrd High School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, from 1987 until 1994, Dr. Shaw served as an elected member of the Caddo Parish School Board and served as its president in 1992; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-eight years, Dr. Shaw was a concerned school teacher, administrator, and supervisor who valued punctuality and personal effort and was remembered by staff and students alike for his tireless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Shaw had the rare privilege of service in both houses of the Legislature of Louisiana for a combined total of twelve years, he was elected to District 6 of the House of Representatives from 1996 until 2004, and was later elected to District 37 of the Senate of Louisiana from 2008 until 2012; and

WHEREAS, as a legislator, Buddy Shaw embodied the best qualities of a public servant; he held a genuine interest in the people he served and felt a personal responsibility to represent all of his constituency with honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, while in the House of Representatives Dr. Shaw served as a member of the House committees on Education, Health and Welfare, Retirement, Environment, and Transportation, Highways and Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Senator Shaw held membership in the Senate committees on Education, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, and Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and served as vice chairman of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee; and

WHEREAS, through his extraordinary talents for deliberation and good humor, he brought to fruition important legislation that included ethics reform, fiscal controls, tax reform, retirement, regional economic development, and transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw drew upon his invaluable experience in education to promote legislative reform to improve the classroom environment for teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, numerous civic, educational, and religious organizations benefitted from his involvement as a member and president of the Louisiana School Boards Association, as a member on the board of trustees of Northwestern State University and East Texas Baptist University, as president of the NSU Alumni Association, and as a member of Rotary Club of East Shreveport, Rotary International (District 6190); and

WHEREAS, as a lifelong Christian, he served his Creator as a deacon and member of the Broadmoor Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw felt a close affiliation to educational institutions he attended and his generosity established scholarship endowments at the C.E. Byrd High School Alumni Association, Northwestern State University, and East Texas Baptist University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buddy Shaw received many accolades and was quite honored to be named to the Northwestern State University Hall of Distinguished Educators; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw is survived by his wife, Dr. Mary Ann Neff Shaw; daughters Stephanie Shaw, Mary Jane Lowder, and her husband Charles; son, Chris Minor; grandsons, Charles "Preston" Lowder IV, and his wife Sarah; Dr. James David Lowder, and his wife Katie; great-grandchildren, Mary Ellen Lowder, Molly Elizabeth Lowder, Charles "Charlie" Preston Lowder V, and Huck Shaw Lowder, along with extended family and close friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buddy Shaw was an individual of remarkable intellect and a creative thinker with respect to educational issues and brought this creativity to the daunting tasks of educator and school administrator; he surmounted the considerable obstacles that exist regarding improvements in education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw was a gifted educator and mentor for generations of students who were bolstered by his motivation, and who strived to create successful lives and a better world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buddy Shaw leaves a vast legacy to three generations of citizens who have been affected by his public service to education and to local and state political venues; "he served because he cared".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the passing of a beloved statesman and educator, the Honorable B. L. "Buddy" Shaw EdD and does hereby recognize the legacy of public service the he leaves to the citizens of northwest Louisiana and this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his widow, Dr. Mary Ann Neff Shaw.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES