

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY SENATOR HEWITT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dennis S. Cousin for his service to the St. Tammany Parish School Board and the community.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dennis S. Cousin for his service to the St. Tammany Parish School Board and
3 the community.

4 WHEREAS, Dennis S. Cousin, a lifelong resident of St. Tammany Parish, has been
5 married to Sandra Cousin for fifty years and they have three children together and four
6 grandchildren who are all attending St. Tammany public schools; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Cousins attended St. Tammany High School in Slidell, Louisiana,
8 received his bachelor's degree and a Master of Education degree from Southern University
9 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and also earned thirty plus hours from Southeastern Louisiana
10 University in Hammond, Louisiana, and the University of Southern Mississippi in
11 Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, he worked and retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board
13 where he was employed for thirty-six and one-half years; and

14 WHEREAS, Dennis Cousin was a teacher, athletic director, and head football coach
15 at Chahta Ima High for two years and Slidell High School for eight years; he was supervisor
16 of student welfare and director of transportation; and

17 WHEREAS, he was responsible for enforcing compulsory attendance laws of the
18 state of Louisiana with a 94% average attendance; he has counseled over 250 students and

1 parents per year concerning attendance; he has attended over 300 school board meetings in
2 his lifetime; and he helped establish a City of Slidell Truancy Court with Judge Gary
3 Dragon; and

4 WHEREAS, after he retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board, Dennis
5 Cousin was the Athletic Director at Xavier University of Louisiana from 2004 to 2013 where
6 he managed a \$2.5 million yearly budget, led Xavier University of Louisiana to its most
7 successful period in athletics, notwithstanding Hurricane Katrina, and he was named one of
8 the five best athletics directors at an HBCU; and

9 WHEREAS, he has officiated numerous college, high school, junior high, youth
10 league, and recreation basketball games for over forty-six years; and

11 WHEREAS, since 2015, he is the St. Tammany Parish School Board member for
12 District 14; and

13 WHEREAS, he is member of Saint Genevieve Church in Slidell, Louisiana, and
14 served as a Eucharistic Minister, and in the Usher Club, Fitness Ministry, and Finance
15 Committee; in 2014, he received from the Archdiocese of New Orleans, a St. Louis
16 Medallion, the highest honor given to a lay person in the Catholic Church; and

17 WHEREAS, Dennis S. Cousin is an inspiration to so many children and generations;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, during a full and productive lifetime, he has demonstrated, in countless
20 ways, his dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of all
21 who know him.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby commend Dennis S. Cousin for his service to the St. Tammany Parish School
24 Board and the community, does hereby record his outstanding contribution of time and talent
25 for his hard work, dedication, and continuous commitment, and does hereby extend best
26 wishes for success in his future endeavors.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
28 Dennis S. Cousin.

