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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dr. T. Lamar Goree, Caddo Parish School Superintendent, on being named the 2019 Superintendent of the Year.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend T. Lamar Goree PhD, upon being named the 2019 Superintendent of the Year by the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents and to record his myriad of 3 accomplishments in education and his many contributions to the Caddo Parish 4 5 School System, to his community, and to the state of Louisiana. WHEREAS, in December 2013, Dr. T. Lamar Goree was appointed superintendent 6 7 of Caddo Parish Public Schools to monitor 5,500 employees and advance the academic 8 progress of a school district that consisted of more than 40,000 students among sixty-six 9 school administrations; and 10 WHEREAS, it was a herculean task, however, Superintendent Goree possessed great 11 momentum and was well-equipped to take up the challenge; and WHEREAS, Dr. Goree implemented a litany of new initiatives to promote more 12 13 positive learning cultures in the classroom and to address inadequacies in the district that had 14 suppressed student assessment outcomes from literacy, math skills, and ACT scores to high school graduation rates; and 15 16 WHEREAS, one of these new innovations was the creation of the Caddo Transformation Next Zone, a plan to change fourteen of the most challenged schools into 17 18 high performance education centers; these sweeping changes involved ambitious goals,

1	community-based accountability, intensive support for teachers, and broad decision-making
2	authority for administrators; and
3	WHEREAS, Dr. Goree also expanded equitable student access to accelerated
4	programs in curricula such as advanced placement (AP), dual enrollment, and ACT
5	preparatory opportunities; and
6	WHEREAS, the district-wide implementation of the Response to Intervention
7	program provided educators with effective tools to assist those students who struggled with
8	certain skill deficits with timely solutions; and
9	WHEREAS, Dr. Goree doubled the available funding for instructional technology;
10	and
11	WHEREAS, through diligence, hard work, and a sharp focus on the task at hand, his
12	accomplishments are rooted in a rather unique formula for each school that includes
13	promotion of a positive learning environment with elements of community activity and
14	parental involvement and administrative support for teachers and school employees; and
15	WHEREAS, Dr. Goree actively incorporates information technology and social
16	media to maintain in-the-moment communications with students, parents, and faculty; and
17	WHEREAS, these innovations have been only half of the equation; the second half
18	requires the placement of highly-competent principals, school administrators, and effective
19	classroom teachers who are all vital to improvements in academic achievement; and
20	WHEREAS, while a native of Shreveport and the son of two extraordinary educators,
21	Dr. Goree is also a proud graduate of Huntington High School and other exceptional
22	academic credentials include a Bachelor of Arts in Management from Morehouse College,
23	and a Master in Education, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies,
24	both from the University of Texas at Arlington; and
25	WHEREAS, implementing his depth of work experience as a math teacher, school
26	principal, and assistant superintendent, Dr. Goree developed an instant rapport with teachers
27	and school administrators under his leadership; and
28	WHEREAS, in 2018, under his tutelage, the Caddo Parish School System had
29	produced two Louisiana Students of the Year, and in 2019, honored the state Middle School
30	Teacher of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Goree is active within the Shreveport community as a member of 1 2 the Downtown Rotary, Committee of 100, Step Forward, Strategic Action Council, Caddo 3 Children and Youth Planning Board, and the Caddo Sheriff's Safety Town Advisory Board; 4 and WHEREAS, Dr. Goree is an educational leader of the highest order who seeks to 5 6 ensure the best quality education possible for Caddo Parish students as they prepare for 7 higher education opportunities and career options; and 8 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana wishes to recognize Dr. T. Lamar Goree 9 for his rigorous devotion of time, energy, and talent to the fullest development of his 10 students as informed, capable, and productive citizens. 11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Caddo Parish School Superintendent, Dr. T. Lamar Goree, upon his selection as 12 13 2019 Superintendent of the Year by the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents. 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby wish 15 continued success for Dr. T. Lamar Goree as he maintains the highest academic standards 16 of student performance. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to 17 18 Dr. T. Lamar Goree, Caddo Parish School Superintendent, and to Mary Trammel, Caddo 19 Parish School Board President.

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

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