

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

A RESOLUTION

To commend Elizabeth Arden Cox Cahill on her many successes and accomplishments during a lifetime as a highly effective educator.

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Arden Cox Cahill has achieved great success in an education career of more than sixty years and has had a major impact on the lives of many children; and

WHEREAS, Arden Cahill was born in New Orleans on October 21, 1931, and in 1952, at the age of twenty-one, she began teaching in the New Orleans public school system; and

WHEREAS, in her early teaching career, Mrs. Cahill taught at Laurel-McDonough #1 and Allan where she spent three years teaching children with speech disorders, and she also taught after school hours, making a difference in the lives of children facing hardships such as cerebral palsy and deafness; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Arden Cox married Harry L. Cahill, Jr., and the two of them have supported each other greatly in their endeavors which has allowed for the two to share many great successes; and

WHEREAS, while living in Florida for a short while with her husband, Mrs. Cahill worked with the hard of hearing at Florida State University and taught speech development; and

WHEREAS, the Cahills soon returned to Algiers to raise their family, and Mrs. Cahill taught for two years at Behrman High School and then served as assistant to the principal at Karr Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, after the birth of her third child, Mrs. Cahill worked as a volunteer for two years at St. Julian Eymard; Mr. and Mrs. Cahill soon decided to start their own school; and

WHEREAS, at the age of thirty-seven, in 1968, Arden and Harry Cahill founded and Arden became headmistress of Arden Cahill Academy, a private academy originally dedicated to the interest of early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, Arden Cahill Academy, which now nurtures children from infancy through eighth grade, has been thriving for forty-one years and Mrs. Cahill still serves as headmistress; her effectiveness in fostering the development and education of so many children continues due to her dedication to the academy; and

WHEREAS, the school that began in Mrs. Cahill's living room and an original school plan of one building on a two-acre site has grown to a twelve-acre site including classrooms, library, dining room, and facilities for art, music, swimming, riding, and theater; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Cahill have recently celebrated their fiftieth anniversary and have five children and many grandchildren whom they love dearly; and

WHEREAS, Arden Cahill merits special commendation for her remarkable career in education and her notable devotion and commitment to Arden Cahill Academy, its students, and her family and friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Arden Cahill for her many successes and achievements during more than sixty years as an effective educator and does hereby extend best wishes to Mrs. Cahill as she celebrates her memorable and historical achievements and prepares for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Elizabeth Arden Cox Cahill.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES