

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY SENATOR TARVER

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mrs. Helen Jewitt Amin on her 43-year teaching career and recognizes her extraordinary acts of kindness in providing scholarships to many high school seniors seeking to go to college.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Mrs. Helen Jewitt Amin on her forty-three-year teaching  
3 career and to recognize her extraordinary acts of kindness in providing scholarships  
4 to many high school seniors seeking to go to college.

5 WHEREAS, on December 9, 2012, Helen Jewitt Amin retired after forty-three years  
6 of service as a teacher for the Caddo Parish School System; and

7 WHEREAS, in her childhood, although allowed to be a cheerleader for one year and  
8 permitted to make her debut as a Delta Sigma Theta Debutante, there was little help with  
9 homework and no talk of going to college in her family home; and

10 WHEREAS, nevertheless, Helen Jewitt Amin determined to go to college, and being  
11 unable to secure a loan, she worked her way through both undergraduate and graduate  
12 schools, graduating from Grambling State University in 1970 and later earning a master's  
13 degree from Louisiana State University, while also being aided from time to time by college  
14 friends and receiving campus aid and grants; and

15 WHEREAS, she began her career as a long-term substitute teacher at Union, later  
16 became a clerical aide, and then as a teacher at Hamilton Terrance Learning Center; and

17 WHEREAS, from 1970 to 1993, Helen Jewitt Amin presented scholarship awards  
18 to children of family and friends and to students in the community and her church; and

1           WHEREAS, she awarded more than two hundred thousand dollars to needy students  
2 as scholarships toward a college education; and

3           WHEREAS, for almost her entire teaching career, Helen Jewitt Amin deducted from  
4 her salary monies to be used to provide scholarships of \$300, \$500, \$700, or \$1,000 to "C"  
5 students going to college and awarded annually as many as sixteen scholarships to students  
6 in Caddo Parish and in the surrounding parishes; and

7           WHEREAS, being aware that students with high academic achievement would  
8 receive multiple offers through scholarships and grants, she focused her philanthropy on the  
9 average students because like herself, "C" students have the potential for success and make  
10 valuable contributions to our American society; and

11           WHEREAS, providing scholarships fulfilled her desire to touch the lives of the many  
12 students who graduated from high school and who wanted to go beyond high school and to  
13 show them that someone cared and wanted to lend a helping hand; and

14           WHEREAS, Helen Jewitt Amin is a shining example of what is best in the state of  
15 Louisiana through her compassion and desire to assist those in need of assistance.

16           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana that  
17 Helen Jewitt Amin is hereby commended and congratulated on her forty-three-year teaching  
18 career and is hereby recognized for her extraordinary acts of kindness in providing  
19 scholarships to so many high school seniors seeking to go to college.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mrs. Helen Jewitt Amin and her husband, Wali  
21 Amin, are hereby extended best wishes for a long and full life together.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be transmitted to Helen  
23 Jewitt Amin.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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DIGEST

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