

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY SENATOR TARVER

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE