

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Larry Bourgeois Jr. for 34 years of service at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School and on the occasion of his retirement.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Larry Bourgeois Jr., upon his retirement after thirty-four years of  
3 extraordinary service at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School in LaPlace, Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Larry Bourgeois is a native of Garyville, Louisiana, and a graduate of  
5 St. Peter Catholic School and Riverside Academy in Reserve; and

6 WHEREAS, he graduated from Nicholls State University in 1980 with a Bachelor  
7 of Arts degree in secondary school social studies, with a minor in English, and was  
8 employed at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, a kindergarten through eighth grade school;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Larry Bourgeois continued his education while teaching at SJA, which  
11 currently teaches children age three (kindergarten) through eighth grade, and received his  
12 Master of Education degree in administration and supervision from Nicholls State University  
13 in 1990; and

14 WHEREAS, he obtained additional certifications from the Archdiocese of New  
15 Orleans Office of Religious Education as an elementary school catechist and received  
16 certification in the course *The Principal as Spiritual Leader*; and

17 WHEREAS, Larry Bourgeois has served as a teacher for fourteen years, as assistant  
18 principal for five years, and as principal for eight years at SJA; and

1           WHEREAS, in the mid-1990's he was a member of the Archdiocese Office of Middle  
2 School Task Force which introduced leveled classes, individualized scheduling, and  
3 exploratory classes at SJA and other Catholic middle schools and SJA remains the only  
4 school in the river parishes to offer these programs; and

5           WHEREAS, during his tenure at SJA, Larry Bourgeois established the student  
6 council, which he has guided since its establishment fifteen years ago, and SJA is one of the  
7 few schools in the river parishes which maintains the student government as an active  
8 member of the Louisiana Association of Student Councils; and

9           WHEREAS, he serves as a member of the Archdiocese of New Orleans office of  
10 Catholic Schools' Principals' Steering Committee for Best Standards and as cohort leader for  
11 the six Catholic elementary schools in the river parishes area; and

12           WHEREAS, Larry Bourgeois also represents the Catholic elementary schools of the  
13 river parishes as their moderator on the Principals' Committee for the Catholic Schools  
14 Athletic League; and

15           WHEREAS, he maintains active membership in the National Catholic Educators  
16 Association, the National Council for Social Studies, the Association for Supervision and  
17 Curriculum Development, the National Geographic Society, the Louisiana Middle School  
18 Association, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the National  
19 Association of Secondary School Principals, Phi Alpha Theta, Phi Kappa Phi, and Kappa  
20 Delta Phi; and

21           WHEREAS, a life-long love for history and the theater, led Larry Bourgeois to  
22 become a member of the River Road Historical Society and the Friends of the St. John  
23 Theatre at their inception twenty-five years ago and his membership continues to this day;  
24 and

25           WHEREAS, he is a parishioner of St. Peter Catholic Church in Reserve, where he  
26 has been a member of the Msgr. Jean Eyraud Knights of Columbus Council #3426 for over  
27 thirty years; and

28           WHEREAS, Larry Bourgeois is a fourth degree Knight in the Archbishop Blenk  
29 Knights of Columbus Assembly and he serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy  
30 Communion at both St. Peter Church in Reserve and St. Joan of Arc Church in LaPlace.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
2 does hereby commend Larry Bourgeois upon his retirement after thirty-four years of  
3 extraordinary service at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School in LaPlace, Louisiana.

4           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
5 Larry Bourgeois Jr. through St. Joan of Arc Catholic School in LaPlace.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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DIGEST

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