

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 149

BY SENATOR LONG

A RESOLUTION

To commend Margaret Berry upon being named president of the Louisiana Philanthropic Education Organization by Chapter AG in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, born and reared in Jonesville, Louisiana, Margaret Berry attended Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Berry has lived and created an amazing home and family with her husband Jimmy Berry, in Natchitoches, Louisiana, for the last forty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, she and her husband have two sons, Kevin and Keeth, three granddaughters, and one grandson; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-seven years Mrs. Berry worked for Northwestern State University Middle Laboratory School, where she worked alongside her husband before retiring in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Berry was named the 2015 president of the Louisiana Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO), which was nationally founded in 1869 by seven pioneering women on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the PEO supports women in the realization of educational dreams through educational philanthropy and sponsorship, scholarship, loan and grant programs, and has grown a national membership of more than one million members; and

WHEREAS, along with holding numerous PEO chapter offices, including a PEO international convention delegate, Mrs. Berry is a member of the First Baptist Church, the Saint Denis Garden Club, co-chairman of the City of Lights Christmas parade, co-director of the Miss Merry Christmas pageant, and a Natchitoches Service League member; and

WHEREAS, she is the state treasurer and chaplain for the Louisiana Jaycee Jaynes, recipient of the Louisiana Outstanding Non-Instructional Award, and recipient of the Key to the City of Natchitoches award for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. Berry continues her extraordinary service to her community, she greatly enjoys spending time with her husband, family, friends, and enhancing her flower arrangements, embroidery, and scrapbooking skills.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Margaret Berry upon being named president of the Louisiana Philanthropic Education Organization by Chapter AG in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Margaret Berry.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE