

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dump and Hazel Hatter upon their 60th wedding anniversary

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dump and Hazel Hatter upon the celebration of sixty years of marriage and
3 their notable careers in education.

4 WHEREAS, Dump Edward Hatter was born on January 12, 1932, in Haynesville,
5 and after his graduation from high school, entered Southern University and Agricultural and
6 Mechanical College in Baton Rouge; he joined Omega Psi Phi fraternity and the Army
7 R.O.T.C.; and

8 WHEREAS, Hazel Theresa Chretien was born on June 23, 1932, in Lake Charles,
9 the sixth of seven children, and after her graduation from high school, entered Southern
10 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in Baton Rouge where she met Dump
11 Hatter in 1950; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Hatter earned a bachelor of science degree from Southern
13 University in 1952 with a major in social studies and a minor in English; he was
14 commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army with the transportation corps and
15 began his military career at Fort Eustis, Virginia; Lieutenant Hatter served twenty-one
16 months in the Korean Conflict, a tour of duty for seven months in Greenland, and was
17 honorably discharged in 1954; and

18 WHEREAS, Hazel Hatter earned a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education
19 from Southern University in 1954; the couple's love endured war and extended periods of
20 separation: on June 19, 1955, they were united in holy matrimony at Sacred Heart Catholic
21 Church in Lake Charles; and

1 WHEREAS, both Dump and Hazel embarked upon distinguished careers in the field
2 of education; Mr. Hatter taught biology at Homer Colored High School in Claiborne Parish
3 and was a teaching principal at Friendship Elementary School while Mrs. Hatter taught
4 kindergarten through third grade in Calcasieu Parish; and

5 WHEREAS, the couple was unwilling to continue to work in separate parishes; Hazel
6 Hatter took a job in Claiborne Parish as a supervisor for the Claiborne Parish Head Start
7 summer program for two summers; she was a first grade teacher at Woodson Elementary in
8 Haynesville and Haynesville Elementary for twenty-six years; and

9 WHEREAS, Dump Hatter served as principal of Pineview High School in 1970 and
10 Athens High School in 1974; Mr. Hatter was appointed supervisor of instruction and served
11 until his retirement in June of 1988; in his role as supervisor, Mr. Hatter administered the
12 substance abuse program, the Professional Improvement Program, and adult education
13 classes; he received an Educator of the Year Award in Claiborne Parish and a Shreveport
14 Times Educator of the Year Award; and

15 WHEREAS, after his retirement, Dump Hatter's dedication to the children of
16 Claiborne Parish did not wane; he served as interim principal at Haynesville Junior High
17 School, counselor at Haynesville High School, and as a substitute teacher at Homer High
18 School; he earned the distinction of being an employee of every public school in Claiborne
19 Parish during his career; and

20 WHEREAS, Dump Hatter was an educator for thirty-three years and Hazel Hatter
21 was an educator for thirty years, and both earned master of education degrees and thirty plus
22 certification; and

23 WHEREAS, the religious and political activities of Claiborne Parish have been
24 enhanced by the service of the Hatters; Hazel Hatter was an instructor of religious classes
25 for beginners and is an active member of the Ladies Altar Society; Hazel and Dump Hatter
26 are Eucharistic ministers and lectors, and both are recipients of the Diocesan Medal of Honor
27 in recognition of faithful service in the local church; and

28 WHEREAS, Dump and Hazel Hatter are members of the Retired Teachers
29 Association and the Community Coordinating Council; Mr. Hatter was vice chairman of
30 North Claiborne Hospital Service District One and remains a member; is chairman of the

1 Friendship Community Cemetery Committee; and served as interim councilman for District
2 3 of the Haynesville City Council; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Hatter also sings and has performed locally and in other venues in
4 the United States; he has been featured on television and in newspaper articles, and in the
5 2004-2005 school year, he returned to the classroom to teach vocal music at Summerfield
6 High School; and

7 WHEREAS, while working tirelessly to educate the children of Claiborne Parish,
8 Dump and Hazel Hatter raised a family of their own; they are the proud parents of son Leon
9 Edward Hatter and daughter-in-law Nancy, and daughters Valerie Ann Hatter-Tyus and son-
10 in-law Andrew, Evette Marie Hatter Miles and son-in-law Maurice, and Willia Margareta
11 Hatter; and upon the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary, it is fitting to honor
12 Dump and Hazel Hatter for dedicated and distinguished service to the children of Louisiana
13 through their contributions in education.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend heartiest congratulations to Dump and Hazel
16 Hatter upon the celebration of sixty years of marriage; does hereby commend them for their
17 long and fruitful careers in education; and does hereby express best hopes for many happy
18 years ahead.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
20 to Dump and Hazel Hatter.

DIGEST

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