

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 219

BY SENATORS DORSEY-COLOMB, BROOME AND CLAITOR

COMMENDATIONS. Congratulates Linda Seale Chauviere on the occasion of her retirement as head of school at St. James Episcopal Day School and commends her for forty-six years of dedication to the education of young people in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To congratulate Linda Seale Chauviere on the occasion of her retirement as head of school
3 at St. James Episcopal Day School and to commend her for forty-six years of
4 dedication to the education of young people in Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Linda Seale Chauviere was born in Baton Rouge to Virgil and Ruth
6 Seale; and

7 WHEREAS, she graduated from Glen Oaks High School in 1965 and earned a
8 Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University in 1969; and

9 WHEREAS, while attending LSU, she met Arnold Chauviere and they married
10 shortly after her graduation; and

11 WHEREAS, while teaching full-time in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System
12 from 1969 until 1991, Mrs. Chauviere earned her Master of Education in Administration and
13 Supervision from LSU, as well as her Plus-Fifteen and numerous other education
14 certificates, distinctions, and honors; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chauviere was selected as East Baton Rouge Parish School System
16 Teacher of the Year in 1979; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1991, she became a LEAP specialist for the East Baton Rouge Parish
18 School System and served in that capacity with distinction for six years; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1997, Mrs. Chauviere became a school administrator, serving as
2 principal at Prescott Middle School, assistant principal of instruction at Scotlandville Middle
3 Magnet School, and principal at Magnolia Woods Elementary School; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2001, she left the East Baton Rouge Parish School System to serve
5 the state as director of the Distinguished Educator Program at the State Department of
6 Education; and

7 WHEREAS, shortly after retiring from the State Department, Mrs. Chauviere was
8 called to serve as the head of school for St. James Episcopal Day School in downtown Baton
9 Rouge; and

10 WHEREAS, during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Mrs. Chauviere made sure
11 that displaced families had a place to send their younger children to school by opening up
12 enrollment at St. James and hiring additional teachers also displaced by the hurricane; and

13 WHEREAS, under her leadership, in 2009, St. James became the only private
14 elementary school in Louisiana history to be named a Blue Ribbon School by the United
15 States Department of Education; and

16 WHEREAS, with all her professional accomplishments, she is most proud of her
17 family, husband Arnold and son Kurt; and

18 WHEREAS, as a testament to her dedication to education and teaching abilities, Kurt
19 was valedictorian at Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge, graduated *magna cum laude*
20 in History from Harvard, and earned a law degree from Harvard, *magna cum laude*; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chauviere is retiring from St. James Episcopal Day School in July,
22 after forty-six years of distinguished service in the field of education.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
24 does hereby congratulate Linda Seale Chauviere on the occasion of her retirement as head
25 of school at St. James Episcopal Day School and commend her for forty-six years of
26 dedication to the education of young people in Louisiana.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
28 Linda Seale Chauviere.

