

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 221

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

COMMENDATIONS. Congratulates Robert W. "Bobby" Welch on the occasion of his retirement as president of The Dunham School in Baton Rouge and commends him on over forty years of service in the field of education.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To congratulate Robert W. "Bobby" Welch on the occasion of his retirement as president of  
3 The Dunham School in Baton Rouge and to commend him on over forty years of  
4 service in the field of education.

5 WHEREAS, Robert W. Welch was born on July 23, 1945, in Vaiden, Mississippi,  
6 and graduated from Forest Hill High School in Jackson, Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, Bobby received a Business Administration degree from William Carey  
8 University, a Master of Arts in Education Administration from the University of Louisiana  
9 at Monroe, and performed post-graduate studies at Harvard University, the University of  
10 West Florida and Georgia Southern University; and

11 WHEREAS, he is a veteran of forty plus years in education, with thirty years of his  
12 experience in independent private schools in the southeastern United States; and

13 WHEREAS, Bobby is active in the National Association of Independent Schools,  
14 Southern Association of Independent Schools, and several other regional organizations,  
15 having served as Regional Director, Officer and Board Member for many of these groups;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, he also has been a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and  
18 Schools for ten years; and

1           WHEREAS, he is the founder of the Louisiana Association of Independent Schools  
2 and currently serves as its executive director; and

3           WHEREAS, for the last ten years, Bobby has served as headmaster and later  
4 president of The Dunham School in Baton Rouge; and

5           WHEREAS, under his leadership, Dunham has reached new heights in quality of  
6 education and won national acclaim as a Blue Ribbon School and as an Apple Distinguished  
7 School, while maintaining its academic philosophy of providing a Christian education that  
8 emphasizes not simply acquiring knowledge, but attaining wisdom, and that wisdom is  
9 knowledge shaped by the realization of where one stands in relationship to God and by the  
10 recognition that the order and beauty seen in the universe is the product of the Creator's  
11 hand; and

12           WHEREAS, Bobby has been married to the former Pamela Culler of High Point,  
13 North Carolina for thirty-five years; and

14           WHEREAS, they have five children: Angela, Jeff, Amy, Kip, and Charles; and  
15 fifteen grandchildren: Millie, Annie, Ellie, Jack, Wils, Sam, Jena Kate, Charlotte, Cade,  
16 Olivia, Josh, Andrew, Molly, Charlie, and Hudson; and

17           WHEREAS, Bobby is retiring from his position as president of The Dunham School  
18 effective June 30, 2015, and plans to continue building an education consulting company  
19 after his retirement.

20           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
21 does hereby congratulate Robert W. "Bobby" Welch on the occasion of his retirement as  
22 president of The Dunham School in Baton Rouge and commend him on over forty years of  
23 service in the field of education.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
25 Robert W. "Bobby" Welch.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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