

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY SENATOR HEWITT

A RESOLUTION

In recognition of 50 years of service, to designate the week of April 3 through April 9, 2016, as "Junior Auxiliary Week" at the Louisiana Senate.

WHEREAS, the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell, Louisiana, is a chapter of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc., which is a national nonprofit organization that encourages member chapters to render charitable services which are beneficial to the general public, with particular emphasis on children, and to coordinate with other organizations performing similar services; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell, originally the Slidell Service League, was founded in 1965 by a group of fifteen women who were brought together by their desire to help the needy and underprivileged in a city that had doubled in population in the previous five years; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the Slidell Service League was incorporated into the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries and in 1999 became the "Junior Auxiliary of Slidell"; and

WHEREAS, through the last fifty years, the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell has served its community by providing more than fifty-seven thousand hours of volunteer service to directly serve over five hundred thousand residents of the Slidell area; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell has improved the lives of children through programs such as Backpacks4Kids, which provides healthy food to children on the weekends; Literacy Liaisons, which has helped children become better readers; and Hearts United, which has helped single moms break the cycle of dependency; and

WHEREAS, through their many education programs, Junior Auxiliary of Slidell has taught high school students the dangers of drinking and driving through Booze 'N Cruise You Lose; the importance of a strong self image through Sooper Puppy for second graders and Seventh Heaven for junior high students; expectant mothers the importance of prenatal

care with the Baby on Board program; high school students the importance of community service through the Juniors in Service program; area ninth graders how to avoid the dangers of date rape through the PREP program; elementary school students how to choose nutritional snacks and the importance of regular exercise through Groovin' Snacks Movin' Kids; and parents of teenagers the warning signs of risky behaviors on social media and other actions of their children that could have dangerous consequences through the Know Your Child program; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell has worked with special needs children at STARC, juveniles at residential treatment centers (The Fly), victims of natural disasters (Noah's Ark), abused women (Safe Harbor), and disabled children (Happy Feet); and

WHEREAS, the members of the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell, through their fifty years of community service which has touched the lives of thousands of people in the Slidell community, are committed to being active and constructive participants in the public life of their city and its residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the week of April 3 through April 9, 2016, as "Junior Auxiliary Week" at the Louisiana Senate, in appreciation for their fifty years of service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Junior Auxiliary of Slidell.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE