

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 221

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Linda Seale Chauviere upon her retirement as head of school at St. James Episcopal Day School after 46 years of educating Louisiana students

1 A RESOLUTION

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

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

7 WHEREAS, she graduated from Glen Oaks High School in 1965, and earned a
8 bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Louisiana State University in 1969;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, while attending LSU, she met Arnold Chauviere, and the couple
11 married shortly after her graduation; and

12 WHEREAS, while teaching full-time in the East Baton Rouge school system from
13 1969 until 1991, Ms. Chauviere earned her masters of education in administration and
14 supervision from LSU, as well as numerous other education certificates, distinctions, and
15 honors; and

16 WHEREAS, she was selected as the East Baton Rouge Teacher of the Year in 1979;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, in 1991, she became a LEAP specialist for the East Baton Rouge school
19 system, and she served in that capacity with distinction for six years; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1997, Ms. Chauviere became a school administrator, serving as the
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 school system to serve the state
5 as director of the Distinguished Educator Program at the Department of Education; and

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

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Chauviere will retire from St. James Episcopal Day School in July
23 after forty-six years of distinguished service in the field of education.

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

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

DIGEST

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