

2018 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Bossier Parish Community College on its 50th anniversary.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Bossier Parish Community College on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary
3 and to extend congratulations to its student body, faculty, administration, prospective
4 graduates, and alumni for fifty years of academic excellence and workforce
5 opportunities afforded to northwest Louisiana and the state.

6 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens of the Bossier community
7 commemorate the founding of Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) from its humble
8 origins as a pilot program that established a small, two-year commuter college to its present
9 status as a professional workforce development institution granting associate degrees,
10 academic certifications, and technical competency area diplomas (TCA) in a myriad of
11 occupations and disciplines; and

12 WHEREAS, in the 1960s Bossier Parish and the surrounding region experienced a
13 boom in manufacturing and service industries that has continued until present day; during
14 that time, progressive civic leaders addressed the necessity for career education that would
15 provide technical programs and short-term training for entry level employment that would
16 maximize growth potential and expand economic opportunity; and

17 WHEREAS, when classes began in the fall of 1967, enrollment numbered one
18 hundred students with a faculty of eight instructors; today, over eight thousand students are

1 offered associate degrees and certifications in sixteen different venues designed for
2 individuals who seek occupations in the business, industrial, and military communities; and

3 WHEREAS, utilizing cooperative endeavors with industry and local governments,
4 BPCC continues to leverage the synergy provided by such partnerships to enhance
5 progressive economic growth for the state and the nation by the production of a well-trained
6 workforce equipped for the challenges of an ever-changing workplace; and

7 WHEREAS, BPCC possesses an impressive list of vital disciplines in occupational
8 sciences, general studies, telecommunications, theatre and music, culinary arts, teacher
9 education, childhood development, construction, oil and gas production, engineering,
10 manufacturing, business, retail management, and criminal justice; and

11 WHEREAS, with a plethora of medical institutions that populates the Caddo-Bossier
12 area, BPCC trains a vast number of medical professionals and provides associate degrees in
13 health care sciences, in particular, the fields of public health, health education specialties,
14 health services, health care management, nursing, and occupational therapy; and

15 WHEREAS, BPCC is on the cutting edge of the latest digital technology and offers
16 programs in data research, information technology, computer drafting and design, cyber
17 innovation, and information systems security; and

18 WHEREAS, Bossier Parish Community College has entered into articulation
19 agreements with other degree-granting institutions, which include Louisiana Tech
20 University, Northwestern State University, Grambling State University, Southern Arkansas
21 University, Kilgore Junior College, and Louisiana State University-Shreveport, where
22 students can matriculate to earn college credits and advance their education; and

23 WHEREAS, nonacademic courses are offered through the Community Education
24 Division that provide training and continuing education to supplement numerous civic,
25 business, and industrial employment needs; and

26 WHEREAS, throughout its fifty-year history, BPCC has promoted a familial
27 atmosphere between the student body and faculty and has sought to strike a balance between
28 scholarship and career obligations by providing academic flexibility, financial aid, and the
29 opportunity for part-time attendance in day or night classes; and

30 WHEREAS, Bossier Parish Community College provides an intellectually

1 stimulating environment in which students develop academic and vocational skills with
2 which to compete in a highly specialized technological world and fulfills its mission through
3 the advanced delivery of quality programs that provide a sound academic education with
4 broad vocational and career training innovations.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 commend the Bossier Parish Community College on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary
7 and does hereby congratulate its students, alumni, and graduates for their many contributions
8 to the continued prosperity of the Bossier-Shreveport community.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
10 Dr. Rick Bateman Jr, Chancellor of Bossier Parish Community College.

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

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