

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Senator J. Rogers Pope for his many years of distinguished and dedicated public service to the citizens of Livingston Parish and the people of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend J. Rogers Pope for his many years of distinguished and dedicated public  
3 service to the citizens of Livingston Parish and the people of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, with the love and support of his wife Pat and children Kevin and  
5 Allison, J. Rogers Pope has selflessly served the citizens of Livingston Parish for 54 years;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, J. Rogers Pope, a graduate of Denham Springs High School, with a  
8 bachelor and masters degree in education from Southeastern Louisiana University, has  
9 engaged and encouraged the youth of Livingston Parish to be productive and responsible  
10 citizens during a career spanning 38 years as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and  
11 principal, including 14 years as Superintendent of the Livingston Parish Public School  
12 System; and

13 WHEREAS, while parish superintendent Pope was instrumental in transforming the  
14 Livingston Parish Public School System into one of the most productive and highest  
15 achieving school systems in the state, earning many distinguished awards, including being  
16 named 1998 Distinguished Educator, 2000 State Superintendent of the Year, and elected  
17 2001 President of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents; and

18 WHEREAS, after his retirement as superintendent in 2001, Rogers ran for public

1 office and was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 2008, serving the  
2 citizens of District 71 as a member on the House committees on education, health and  
3 welfare, transportation, appropriations, and retirement, and then continued until his 2020  
4 election to Louisiana Senate District 13 where he serves on the environmental quality, health  
5 and welfare, revenue and fiscal, and transportation committees; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout his career in elected office, Rogers' legislative actions and  
7 decisions have been consistently grounded in his professional experiences and activities  
8 involving education as well as his membership in various organizations, including the  
9 Livingston Economic Development Council, the Istrouma Area Boy Scouts, the American  
10 Heart Association, the American Cancer Association, the Louisiana Family Forum, the  
11 Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Childcare Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana  
12 State Troopers Association, the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, and the Louisiana School  
13 Board Association; and

14 WHEREAS, as executive director of the Louisiana Association of School Executives,  
15 Rogers helped draft and implement important legislation impacting the quality of K-12  
16 education in our state; and

17 WHEREAS, with his background, experience, and knowledge of state government  
18 and the legislative process, Rogers worked closely with legislators and officials in the  
19 governor's office to articulate and respond to the needs of the citizens of District 13; and

20 WHEREAS, always the epitome of statesmanship, J. Rogers Pope's demeanor and  
21 professionalism will be sorely missed by all who came to know him, particularly his  
22 colleagues, staff, and constituents in District 13.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
24 hereby commends J. Rogers Pope for his many years of distinguished and dedicated public  
25 service to the citizens of Livingston Parish and the people of Louisiana.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
27 Honorable J. Rogers Pope, the distinguished legislator representing Louisiana Senatorial  
28 District 13.

