

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY SENATOR PRICE

A RESOLUTION

To recognize and highly commend the board of directors and members of the Louisiana School Boards Association for their dedicated and invaluable service to the students and schools in their communities and the state.

WHEREAS, a strong public educational system is essential to the individual and collective well-being of society, as democracy cannot exist and flourish without an informed and engaged citizenry; and

WHEREAS, local governance of public schools has been the backbone of public education from the earliest days of our country; and

WHEREAS, an elected local school board is responsible for establishing the vision and policies of the school system and is accountable for student and school performance; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) represents the six hundred thirty-five elected school board members that comprise the state's sixty-nine locally elected school boards; and

WHEREAS, leadership of the LSBA is vested in a seventeen-member board of directors who are elected by their peers and, in addition to their service on their respective local school boards, spend considerable time and effort to promote, support, and advocate on behalf of students, schools, and school boards across the state; and

WHEREAS, the LSBA officers for 2021 are as follows:

- (1) Patricia Russo, President - member, Ascension Parish School Board.
- (2) Melvin Lodge, President-Elect - member, Iberville Parish School Board.
- (3) Rose Dominguez, Vice-President - member, Tangipahoa Parish School Board.
- (4) George Nassar, Immediate Past-President - member, St. James Parish School

Board.

(5) Dr. Janet Pope, Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) is holding its 2021 Capitol Conference on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, to promote advocacy for public education with members of the Louisiana Legislature.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and highly commend the board of directors and members of the Louisiana School Boards Association for their dedicated and invaluable service to the students and schools in their communities and the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana School Boards Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE