

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Justin Wax for being named the 2026 Principal of the Year in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Justin Wax for his dedication to the students of Denham Springs Junior High School and to commend him for being named the 2026 Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Principal Wax currently serves in his fourth year as principal of Denham Springs Junior High School; under his leadership, the school was recognized as a 2024 Top Gains Honoree and featured in U.S. News and World Report's Best Middle Schools in 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, Principal Wax is a leader in student advocacy; he has taken innovative steps to address teen vaping by offering educational alternatives to suspension and facilitated the installation of campus vape detection technology; and

WHEREAS, Principal Wax spoke before the House Committee on Judiciary and effectively advocated to raise the minimum age requirements for the purchase of vaping products; and

WHEREAS, Principal Wax is dedicated to STEM education and has pioneered an aquaponics lab that provides hands-on opportunities to conserve endangered plant species in Louisiana and teaches sustainable produce cultivation; and

WHEREAS, Principal Wax is committed to addressing students' needs and has partnered with community leaders to eliminate student fees and ensure access for economically disadvantaged students; he also supports a rapidly growing English learner population; and

WHEREAS, Principal Wax earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration with a minor in leadership development from Louisiana State University; he pursued a career in education through alternative certification and received a master of education in educational leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University; and

WHEREAS, Principal Wax is a member of the Louisiana Association of Principals and vice president of the Livingston Parish Principals Association; he served four years as president of Mighty Moms, which is a nonprofit that "nurtures hungry students to success"; and

WHEREAS, outside of school, Principal Wax serves as a church deacon, and he is a married father of three children; and

WHEREAS, Denham Springs Junior High School Principal Justin Wax is a dedicated advocate of students and their education, and he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his outstanding service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Justin Wax for being named the 2026 Principal of the Year in Louisiana and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for his contributions to students in Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES