

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY SENATOR BARROW

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Commends and congratulates the 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year from schools in Senate District 15 for exemplary and dedicated service on Teacher of the Year Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend each 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year from schools in Senate District 15 for  
3 their exemplary and dedicated service on Teacher of the Year Day at the Louisiana  
4 State Capitol.

5 WHEREAS, excellence in teaching is the result of commitment, dedication,  
6 inspiration, patience, creativity, hard work, and the highest order of professional integrity;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, research clearly demonstrates that teachers are paramount to student  
9 achievement and it has been estimated that a teacher has two or three times the impact of any  
10 other school factor; and

11 WHEREAS, Teacher of the Year programs were created to publicly honor,  
12 recognize, and emphasize the critical role teacher's play in ensuring student success in school  
13 and in life; and

14 WHEREAS, the outstanding educators named 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year for  
15 schools located in Senate District 15 are as follows:

16 Brandi Theriot, Brownsfields Elementary School

17 Tyler Smith, Cedarcrest Southmoor Elementary School

18 Tiffany Life, Claiborne Elementary School

- 1           Kenyatta Gilbert, Crestworth Elementary School
- 2           Veronica Finucane, Forest Heights Academy of Excellence
- 3           RuShonda Moore, Glen Oaks Elementary School
- 4           Paula O'Connor-Middleton, Greenbrier Elementary School
- 5           Mina Posey, La Belle Aire Elementary School
- 6           Kesha Glover, Melrose Elementary School
- 7           Shana Woods, Merrydale Elementary School
- 8           Kimberly Brabham, Northeast Elementary School
- 9           Demetria Thomas, Park Forest Middle School
- 10          Deadra Moore, Progress Elementary School
- 11          Vanessa Tabe, Progress Elementary School
- 12          Amanda Woosley, Rollins Place Elementary School
- 13          Rayven Watson, Scotlandville Magnet High School
- 14          Gaynelle Howard, Scotlandville Middle Pre-Engineering Academy
- 15          Angela Baltazar, Sharon Hills Elementary School
- 16          Alejandro Arguello, Twin Oaks Elementary School
- 17          Jelana Washington, Westdale Middle School
- 18          Angela Gordon, Zachary Elementary School
- 19          Kayce Kinler, Sherwood Middle Academic Academy
- 20          Antoinette Gizan, Broadmoor High School
- 21          Brittany Tate, Basis Baton Rouge Primary Mid City; and

22           WHEREAS, these exemplary educators are held in the highest regard by their  
23 students, their colleagues, and their communities.

24           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
25 does hereby commend each 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year from schools in Senate District  
26 15 for exemplary and dedicated service on Teacher of the Year Day at the Louisiana State  
27 Capitol.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each  
29 Teacher of the Year recognized herein.

