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Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY SENATORS GARY SMITH AND BROWN AND REPRESENTATIVES GAINES, MILLER AND WILLMOTT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends La'Keisha McKinney on being selected the 2014 Teacher of the Year.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend La'Keisha McKinney on being selected the 2014 Teacher of the Year.
3	WHEREAS, educators are one of our state's greatest resources because our children
4	would not learn without their tireless hard work and dedication; and
5	WHEREAS, Ms. McKinney has proven that she has superb skills for teaching and
6	reaching the students that she has been entrusted with over the years; and
7	WHEREAS, during her last four years in the classroom she served as a reading and
8	math teacher for gifted students grades three through six at R.J. Vial Elementary School in
9	Paradis, Louisiana; and
10	WHEREAS, Ms. McKinney currently serves as the assistant principal at New Sarpy
11	Elementary School in Destrehan, Louisiana; and
12	WHEREAS, she was named the school teacher of the year at R.J. Vial Elementary
13	School, the district's teacher of the year, and now the state's teacher of the year; and
14	WHEREAS, Ms. McKinney has sixteen years of experience in the classrooms of St.
15	Charles Parish and is a National Board Certified teacher; and
16	WHEREAS, she was awarded Teacher of the Year at Mimosa Park Elementary
17	School in 2007; and
18	WHEREAS, Ms. McKinney received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

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1 and Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, and Instruction in Early Childhood 2 Education from the University of New Orleans; and 3 WHEREAS, as a National Board Certified Teacher she is a member of the School Improvement Team, the College and Career Readiness Taskforce, the Louisiana Reading 4 Association, and the St. Charles Parish Reading Council and serves as a district mentor; and 5 WHEREAS, the 2014 Louisiana Teacher of the Year program represents Louisiana's 6 7 commitment to effective instructional and leadership practices that lead to student success 8 in college and career; and 9 WHEREAS, this emphasis on educators and the integral role they play is a key aspect 10 of Louisiana Believes, which is the state's plan that focuses on empowering and celebrating 11 educators across Louisiana who are making a very real impact in the lives of children. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 12 13 commend La'Keisha McKinney on being selected the 2014 Teacher of the Year and for the 14 difference that she makes in the lives of children and the impact that her teachings have on 15 students' future college and career success. 16

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms. La'Keisha McKinney, the 2014 Teacher of the Year.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. Ashley Mitchell.

DIGEST

Gary Smith SCR No. 37

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