

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Donna Lamonte of Baton Rouge upon receipt of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in mathematics.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and to congratulate Donna Lamonte of Baton Rouge upon receipt of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and to recognize her many contributions to education and the teaching profession.

WHEREAS, Donna Lamonte, a first grade teacher at Louisiana State University Laboratory School, was among one hundred eight elementary school educators selected for the prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, as a teacher, Mrs. Lamonte, believes that the focus of a primary mathematics curriculum should be seated in teaching young students to think and reason logically about math and to engage a child's innate ability to use number theory in the discovery of useful mental mathematics techniques to solve challenging real world problems; and

WHEREAS, Donna Lamonte also acts as mentor for new teachers and student interns and imparts firm teaching tenets based on well-tested instructional practices; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lamonte is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics; she holds the Hines Family Endowed Professorship for the LSU College of Human Sciences and Education and also serves on the leadership team for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers for the college of education; and

1           WHEREAS, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and a  
2           Master of Education degree in elementary reading from LSU; she is certified in the  
3           elementary grades as a language arts reading specialist and is a National Board Certified  
4           Early Childhood Generalist; and

5           WHEREAS, the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science  
6           Teaching recognizes outstanding individual achievement in classroom instruction in these  
7           disciplines and exemplifies the highest national honor bestowed on educators for teaching  
8           excellence; and

9           WHEREAS, the award is administered through the National Science Foundation, an  
10          independent federal agency, that supports all manner of educational research within the  
11          realm of science, mathematics, and computer science studies; and

12          WHEREAS, the Presidential Awards program issues a ten thousand dollar grant to  
13          each recipient as an expression of how much her educational contributions are valued and  
14          appreciated; and

15          WHEREAS, during the first week of March 2014, Mrs. Lamonte attended a  
16          week-long conference in Washington, D.C., that afforded her the opportunity to network  
17          with other award-winning teachers and to compare instructional techniques and curricula  
18          options that make mathematics more relevant to today's students; and

19          WHEREAS, upon the citation President Obama commended her "for embodying  
20          excellence in teaching, for devotion to the learning needs of the students, and upholding the  
21          high standards that exemplify American education at its finest".

22          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
23          commend and congratulate Donna Lamonte on her receipt of the Presidential Award for  
24          Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

25          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
26          recognize her contributions to further mathematics education and the teaching profession.

27          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
28          Donna Lamonte.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

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