



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.

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

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DIGEST

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SCR No. 56

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