

1 from the Louisiana Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and the Academic Achievement in
2 the College of Education for Secondary Education award from her alma mater, Louisiana
3 State University Shreveport; and

4 WHEREAS, at Youree Drive Middle AP Magnet School, Mrs. Ferguson has been
5 honored with special acknowledgment as Teacher of the Month in February 2016, Teacher
6 of the Year in 2010, and named "Super Spartan Teacher" in January 2014; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ferguson is actively involved in the scholastic and extracurricular
8 environments at Youree Drive Middle AP Magnet School, serving as Discovery Education
9 innovator, Schoolwide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Committee
10 (SWPBIS) team leader, "New Teacher" mentor, School Improvement Plan Committee
11 member, Olympic Festival co-chair, Club Day Activities coordinator, and Pep Squad faculty
12 advisor; and

13 WHEREAS, she holds a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education from
14 Louisiana State University Shreveport having graduated Magna Cum Laude and a Master
15 of Education degree in school administration from Centenary College of Louisiana; and

16 WHEREAS, the annual competition, hosted by the Louisiana State Department of
17 Education and the Dream Teachers nonprofit organization, recognizes several categories of
18 outstanding individual achievement in classroom instruction and exemplifies the highest
19 honor bestowed on educators by the department; and

20 WHEREAS, on July 27, 2018, Kathryn Ferguson and other state-level honorees were
21 celebrated at the Twelfth Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala; and

22 WHEREAS, upholding the highest standards of the teaching profession, Kathryn
23 Ferguson is most worthy of this prestigious award; she embodies excellence in instruction
24 for her chosen curriculum and an enduring devotion to the academic needs of her students;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Kathryn Ferguson has proved to be an educator with many talents
27 whose dedication to education has been a priceless gift to the state of Louisiana.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 commend and congratulate Kathryn Ferguson upon receipt of the 2019 Middle School
30 Teacher of the Year award from the Louisiana State Department of Education and does

