

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 67

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends the winners of Teacher of the Year in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the winners of Teacher of the Year in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, in partnership with Dream Teachers, the Louisiana Department of
4 Education annually recognizes and celebrates some of the state's most exceptional educators
5 through the Teacher of the Year programs; and

6 WHEREAS, school systems from all across the state submitted nominations to the
7 state-level Teacher of the Year process; and

8 WHEREAS, on September 20, 2020, the Louisiana Department of Education
9 announced the 2021 Louisiana Teacher of the Year at the 14th annual Cecil J. Picard
10 Educator Awards Gala, which was held virtually; and

11 WHEREAS, all Teacher of the Year finalists were celebrated and honored at the
12 awards gala; and

13 WHEREAS, Natalie Roy of Glasgow Middle School in East Baton Rouge Parish was
14 named the 2021 State Teacher of the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Roy teaches Roman technology, classical mythology, and Latin,
16 and her classes feature interactive lessons about the ancient Romans and Greeks infused with
17 STEM, a unique curricular idea that has afforded her many grant opportunities; and

18 WHEREAS, although most of Ms. Roy's students had never been exposed to
19 classical mythology, under her instruction, 63% of students at Approaching Basic or Basic

1 rose to 89% at Mastery or Advanced, and her Latin students went from 60% at Approaching
2 Basic or Basic to 100% at Mastery or Advanced; and

3 WHEREAS, in addition to announcing the overall state winners, the Department of
4 Education also named the 2021 State Elementary, Middle, and High School Teacher of the
5 Year winners; and

6 WHEREAS, the 2021 Elementary School Teacher of the Year is Angelle Bourgeois
7 of Allemands Elementary School in St. Charles Parish; and

8 WHEREAS, the 2021 Middle School Teacher of the Year is Trinette Wallace of
9 West Thibodaux Middle School in Lafourche Parish; and

10 WHEREAS, the 2021 High School Teacher of the Year is Kate Youngblood of
11 Benjamin Franklin High School in Orleans Parish; and

12 WHEREAS, the previous year, on July 19th, the Louisiana Department of Education
13 announced the 2020 Teacher of the Year at the 13th annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Awards
14 Gala; and

15 WHEREAS, Christopher Mark Dier was awarded Teacher of the Year for 2020; Mr.
16 Dier teaches World History and AP Human Geography at Chalmette High School in St.
17 Bernard Parish; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Dier has been voted Teacher of the Year at St. Bernard Middle
19 School and Chalmette High School and was also voted Teacher of the Year and parishwide
20 Teacher of the Year while at Chalmette High; and

21 WHEREAS, the 2020 Elementary School Teacher of the Year was Jessica Borland
22 of South Grant Elementary School in Grant Parish; and

23 WHEREAS, the 2020 Middle School Teacher of the Year was Lisa Celestine Jack
24 of Vidrine Elementary School in Evangeline Parish; and

25 WHEREAS, the 2020 High School Teacher of the Year was Emily Ogden of
26 Rayville High School in Richland Parish; and

27 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to honor these gifted teachers who strive for
28 excellence in the classroom.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
30 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the winners of the Teacher of the Year in

1 Louisiana and hereby extends sincere gratitude to these teachers for their tireless efforts to
2 teach the youth of the great state of Louisiana.

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