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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATOR SMITH

COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes, commends, and congratulates Harry Hurst Middle School principal David Schexnaydre as the 2023 Louisiana Principal of the Year.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize, commend, and congratulate Harry Hurst Middle School principal David
3	Schexnaydre as the 2023 Louisiana Principal of the Year.
4	WHEREAS, David Schexnaydre is a 2001 graduate of Destrehan High School in St.
5	Charles Parish, Louisiana, where he was a varsity letterman in football, basketball, and track;
6	and
7	WHEREAS, Mr. Schexnaydre is an award-winning teacher, administrator, and
8	educational researcher, born and raised in Louisiana who obtained his Bachelor of Science
9	degree from Louisiana State University in 2005 and earned a Master's of Education in
10	educational leadership in 2010 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in educational
11	administration in 2016, both from the University of New Orleans; and
12	WHEREAS, Mr. Schexnaydre began his teaching career in 2005 at R.K. Smith
13	Middle School where he taught reading, writing, and social studies, while also coaching
14	football, basketball, baseball, and track; and
15	WHEREAS, he was named the R.K. Smith Middle School Teacher of the Year in
16	2009 and the Louisiana Middle School Association Outstanding Teacher of the Year in
17	2011; and
18	WHEREAS, Mr. Schexnaydre was appointed as assistant principal of J.B. Martin

1	Middle School in 2012 where he served for four years; and
2	WHEREAS, in 2016 Mr. Schexnaydre was appointed assistant principal at Destrehan
3	High School where he served for two years; and
4	WHEREAS, Mr. Schexnaydre was appointed principal at Harry Hurst Middle School
5	in 2018 where he has worked tirelessly to build collaborative relationships with all
6	stakeholders and drive positive change with curriculum, instruction, growth mindset, and
7	mindfulness; and
8	WHEREAS, his vision and leadership have transformed the school according to
9	metrics in student achievement, student wellness, employee engagement, and community
10	involvement; and
11	WHEREAS, Mr. Schexnaydre was named the St. Charles Parish Public School
12	Principal of the Year in 2021-2022; and
13	WHEREAS, Mr. Schexnaydre is in his eighteenth year serving in education, all of
14	which have been in St. Charles Parish public schools; and
15	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Education annually recognizes and
16	celebrates some of the state's most exceptional educators through the Teacher and Principal
17	of the Year programs in partnerships with Dream Teachers and the Louisiana Association
18	of Principals; and
19	WHEREAS, school systems from across the state submit nominations to the
20	state-level for Teacher and Principal of the Year to acknowledge teachers and leaders who
21	are making exceptional gains with students; and
22	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Education named David Schexnaydre
23	2023 Louisiana Principal of the Year; and
24	WHEREAS, outside of his accomplishments as principal, his doctoral dissertation
25	won the Louisiana Educational Research Association's 2016 Outstanding Graduate Paper,
26	and he was selected by the American Educational Research Association to present his
27	research at its annual conference; and
28	WHEREAS, in 2017, he was chosen by America Achieves and the Louisiana
29	Department of Education for the Louisiana Educator Voice Fellowship, and in 2019,
30	Southeastern Louisiana University hired him as an adjunct professor in their Master of

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1	Education Program, teaching the School-Community Relations course to aspiring leaders;
2	and
3	WHEREAS, David Schexnaydre is a lifelong learner, advocate and champion for
4	Louisiana's educators and students, and an inspiration for everyone who is committed to
5	children and Louisiana public schools.
6	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7	congratulate David Schexnaydre and does commend him for a distinguished career in
8	education and his incredible dedication to the St. Charles Parish Public School System and
9	the state of Louisiana educational system.
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does recognize and record for
11	posterity David Schexnaydre's achievements and offers congratulations on being named the
12	2023 Louisiana Principal of the Year.
13	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
14	Principal David Schexnaydre at the Harry Hurst Middle School in Destrehan, Louisiana.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part

of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Archana D. Cadge.

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