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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 256

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD, BOYD, AND HUGHES

STUDENTS: Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in collaboration with the state Department of Education, to develop a policy relative to the issuance of posthumous high school diplomas to deceased high school students

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in  
3 collaboration with the state Department of Education, to develop a policy relative to  
4 the issuance of posthumous diplomas to deceased students.

5 WHEREAS, the death of a student is a traumatic and stressful experience for his  
6 loved ones, classmates, and friends; losing a member of a school community impacts all who  
7 knew the student; and

8 WHEREAS, regretfully, school communities have too often been impacted by the  
9 death of a young student; a way to offer support to survivors is to honor the decedent's  
10 memory; and

11 WHEREAS, the presentation of a posthumous diploma recognizes a student's  
12 scholastic achievements, acknowledges that every student is a part of a school community,  
13 and can help those grieving the loss of a student work through the healing process.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and  
16 Secondary Education, in collaboration with the state Department of Education, to develop  
17 a policy relative to the issuance of posthumous diplomas to deceased students.

DIGEST

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