

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 256

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD, BOYD, AND HUGHES

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request 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 diplomas to deceased students.

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request 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 diplomas to deceased students.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES