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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Kelly Ryan on being awarded the Milken Educator Award

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Kelly Ryan on being awarded the Milken Educator Award.
3	WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Kelly Ryan for her dedicated work as an
4	educator in St. Tammany Parish and to commend her on receiving the prestigious Milken
5	Educator Award; and
6	WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation's Milken Educator Awards program was
7	created by Lowell Milken in 1987 to reward and inspire excellence in the world of education
8	by honoring the top educators across the United States with an unrestricted \$25,000 cash
9	reward; today, it stands as the nation's preeminent teacher recognition program with more
10	than two thousand eight hundred exemplary teachers, principals, and specialists awarded;
11	and
12	WHEREAS, the Milken Educator Awards are aimed at early-to-mid career education
13	professionals for their impressive achievements, and more significantly, for the promise of
14	what they will accomplish in the future; and
15	WHEREAS, Kelly Ryan is an alumna of Northshore High School in Slidell,
16	Louisiana; she earned a bachelor's degree in biological sciences and a master's degree in
17	molecular biology from Southeastern Louisiana University; and
18	WHEREAS, Kelly returned to her high school alma mater in 2014 to teach chemistry
19	and environmental science at all grade levels, including junior- and senior-level honors
20	classes; in addition to her teaching role, she is a member of the ACT Prep team, with whom

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she created a program that monitors test scores and works with students and their parents to 2 achieve higher results; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Ryan is a fervent believer in hands-on teaching and active 4 engagement with students in the classroom, and her approach is focused on pushing her 5 students to think critically and independently; she recognizes the pitfalls of a technology-6 driven world, where both good and bad information are readily available to all, and fosters 7 an environment that encourages students to think for themselves by allowing them to explore 8 and ask questions; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Ryan is an active member of Northshore's Instructional Leadership 10 Team and a sponsor for the National Honor Society where she leads numerous community 11 projects that include student food drives, writing letters to Santa with elementary students, 12 and collecting donations for military service members overseas; additionally, she sponsors 13 Northshore's middle school robotics team which qualified for nationals; and

14 WHEREAS, Kelly Ryan promotes in her students a love for learning that extends far 15 beyond the classroom; she is now the first-ever St. Tammany Parish public school teacher 16 to be recognized by the Milken Educator Awards program, and she will be presented with 17 the award by St. Tammany Schools Superintendent Frankie Jabbia, Louisiana 18 Superintendent of Education Cade Brumley, and Milken Educator Award-founder Lowell 19 Milken; she is most deserving of the highest recognition for her truly incredible 20 achievement.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 22 commend Kelly Ryan on being awarded the Milken Educator Award; does hereby recognize 23 Ms. Ryan's immeasurable value to her students and to the state of Louisiana, as a dedicated, 24 passionate, and talented educator; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue 25 her inspiring work as a guide for many Louisiana children and prosper in her endeavors.

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