

2024 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY SENATOR FOIL

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates St. Luke's Episcopal School on receiving its first U.S. Dept. of Education's National Blue Ribbon School Designation.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate St. Luke's Episcopal School on receiving its first U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon School Designation.

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program, established in 1982 by the U.S. Department of Education, recognizes public and private schools for their academic excellence or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups; and

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon School flag symbolizes exemplary teaching and learning, affirming the dedication of students, educators, families, and communities in fostering safe and enriching learning environments; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School, founded in 1957 and educating children from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, has demonstrated outstanding academic achievements and a commitment to nurturing the whole child, integrating rigorous academics with social, emotional, and spiritual development; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School, in Baton Rouge, serves a diverse student population, and utilizes a responsive classroom approach to strengthen a student's academic and social and emotional competencies at a developmentally appropriate rate; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School's mission of challenging and nurturing the mind, body, and spirit reflects its dedication to inspiring students to lead lives of purpose,

1 faith, and integrity; and

2 WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School's commitment to engaging students is
3 evidenced by its low student-to-teacher ratio, personalized attention, enrichment programs,
4 and recognition of positive behavior and academic excellence; and

5 WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School fosters strong family and community
6 partnerships, creating a supportive environment that enhances student learning and
7 well-being through various programs, events, and volunteer opportunities; and

8 WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School's professional culture values teacher
9 autonomy, collaboration, ongoing professional development, and a commitment to
10 implementing best practices in education; and

11 WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School's site-based leadership approach ensures
12 that all stakeholders, including administrators, faculty, parents, and students, actively
13 participate in decision-making processes, fostering a sense of ownership and community
14 engagement; and

15 WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School prioritizes culturally responsive teaching
16 and learning, integrating diversity, inclusion, and global perspectives into its curriculum and
17 community outreach initiatives; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2023, St. Luke's Episcopal School was one of only nine Louisiana
19 schools recognized with a U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon School
20 Designation.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 commend and congratulate St. Luke's Episcopal School for its exceptional achievements,
23 dedication to student success, and contributions to fostering a supportive and inclusive
24 learning environment for all students as evidenced by its designation as a U.S. Department
25 of Education's National Blue Ribbon School.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
27 Father Bryan Owen, Headmaster of St. Luke's Episcopal School and Rector of St. Luke's
28 Episcopal Church.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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