

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 270

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BRYANT, AND JACOB LANDRY

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Christine Bayard on being awarded the Milken Educator Award

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Christine Bayard of Johnston-Hopkins Elementary School in New Iberia on
3 being awarded the Milken Educator Award.

4 WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Christine Bayard for her dedicated work
5 as an educator in New Iberia Parish and to commend her on receiving the prestigious Milken
6 Educator Award; and

7 WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation's Milken Educator Awards program was
8 created by Lowell Milken in 1987 to reward and inspire excellence in the world of education
9 by honoring the top educators across the United States with an unrestricted \$25,000 cash
10 reward; today, it stands as the nation's preeminent teacher recognition program with more
11 than two thousand eight hundred exemplary teachers, principals, and specialists awarded;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the Milken Educator Awards are aimed at early-to-mid career education
14 professionals for their impressive achievements and, more significantly, for the promise of
15 what they will accomplish in the future; and

16 WHEREAS, Christine Bayard, who teaches sixth grade math at Johnston-Hopkins
17 (JHOP) Elementary School in New Iberia, has earned this national award for her approach
18 to teaching; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Bayard is an alumnus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette
20 where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in child and family

1 studies in 2009 and completed a post-baccalaureate certification for middle school math
2 education in 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Bayard founded JHOP's math club, works with the Junior Beta
4 Club, serves on JHOP's instructional leadership team as a mentor teacher in partnership with
5 the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET), and assists with JHOP's end of the
6 year "Fun Day"; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Bayard has served as a certified Louisiana mentor teacher and was
8 featured at the 2023 national NIET conference on effective coaching strategies; and

9 WHEREAS, the state superintendent of education, Dr. Cade Brumley, stated:
10 "Ms. Bayard's classroom is an innovative space where math transcends textbooks and
11 students engage in real world lessons. Her commitment to a student-centered approach is
12 seen through academic outcomes and the difference she has made throughout her school.";
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Bayard's students explore math concepts to see how math plays a
15 pivotal role in daily life; she has donned a full space suit for class and transforms lessons on
16 decimals and rate reasoning into experiences that are truly "out of this world"; her students
17 calculate how much food, water, and oxygen is needed to live on Mars for two years, how
18 long a Mars text message would take to send to Earth, and how many days it would take to
19 ride a horse to the moon; and

20 WHEREAS, in Ms. Bayard's classroom, students use cubes to build habitats after
21 calculating cost, revenue, and profit or loss for their projects and have explored fractions by
22 virtually building race cars, working through the effect of weight on speed and velocity; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Bayard will attend an all-expenses-paid forum in Los Angeles in
24 June 2024 where she will network with new awardees and veteran Milken educators to
25 develop mentorship opportunities for expanded leadership roles on state, national, and
26 international levels; she is most deserving of the highest recognition for her truly incredible
27 achievement.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
29 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Christine Bayard of New Iberia's Johnston-
30 Hopkins Elementary School on being awarded the Milken Educator Award.

DIGEST

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