

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 131

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A RESOLUTION

To commend each 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year from schools in Senate District 15 for their exemplary and dedicated service on Teacher of the Year Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, excellence in teaching is the result of commitment, dedication, inspiration, patience, creativity, hard work, and the highest order of professional integrity; and

WHEREAS, research clearly demonstrates that teachers are paramount to student achievement and it has been estimated that a teacher has two or three times the impact of any other school factor; and

WHEREAS, Teacher of the Year programs were created to publicly honor, recognize, and emphasize the critical role teachers play in ensuring student success in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding educators named 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year for schools located in Senate District 15 are as follows:

Brandi Theriot, Brownsfields Elementary School

Tyler Smith, Cedarcrest Southmoor Elementary School

Tiffany Life, Claiborne Elementary School

Kenyatta Gilbert, Crestworth Elementary School

Veronica Finucane, Forest Heights Academy of Excellence

RuShonda Moore, Glen Oaks Elementary School

Paula O'Connor-Middleton, Greenbrier Elementary School

Mina Posey, La Belle Aire Elementary School

Kesha Glover, Melrose Elementary School

Shana Woods, Merrydale Elementary School

Kimberly Brabham, Northeast Elementary School

Demetria Thomas, Park Forest Middle School

Deadra Moore, Progress Elementary School

Vanessa Tabe, Progress Elementary School

Amanda Woosley, Rollins Place Elementary School

Rayven Watson, Scotlandville Magnet High School

Gaynelle Howard, Scotlandville Middle Pre-Engineering Academy

Angela Baltazar, Sharon Hills Elementary School

Alejandro Arguello, Twin Oaks Elementary School

Jelana Washington, Westdale Middle School

Angela Gordon, Zachary Elementary School

Kayce Kinler, Sherwood Middle Academic Academy

Antoinette Gizan, Broadmoor High School

Brittany Tate, Basis Baton Rouge Primary Mid City; and

WHEREAS, these exemplary educators are held in the highest regard by their students, their colleagues, and their communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend each 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year from schools in Senate District 15 for exemplary and dedicated service on Teacher of the Year Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each Teacher of the Year recognized herein.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE