

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY SENATOR PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS. Congratulates the first cohort of Fellows on their completion of the Louisiana Education Policy Fellowship Program coordinated by Orleans Public Education Network as part of the Institute for Educational Leadership.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the first cohort of Fellows on their successful completion of the Louisiana
3 Education Policy Fellowship Program coordinated by Orleans Public Education
4 Network as a part of the Institute for Educational Leadership.

5 WHEREAS, Orleans Public Education Network first convened in late 2007, when
6 several groups including Committee for a Better New Orleans, the Greater New Orleans
7 Education Foundation, Urban League of Greater New Orleans, the Louisiana Justice
8 Institute, and the Children's Defense Fund began to meet with the goal of framing a common
9 theme for public schools; and

10 WHEREAS, Navigating New Orleans' storied racial divide and always engaging
11 transparency in the process, the groups determined in conjunction that an engaged and
12 informed public was the most effective path to building student success and equity in a
13 historically-troubled landscape; and

14 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Public Education Network (OPEN) members
15 determined that the central aim of the work would be creating civic capacity in public
16 education; and

17 WHEREAS, OPEN created the Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) which
18 prepares high potential professionals for leadership positions in education and related policy

1 fields; and

2 WHEREAS, EPFP is Louisiana's only professional development program for
3 emerging leaders seeking to improve outcomes for children and youth through sound public
4 policy, and in 2015, Louisiana joined the ranks of fourteen other states across the United
5 States in welcoming EPFP to our community; and

6 WHEREAS, the program allows the Fellows to remain in their full-time positions
7 and use their work environment as the context for examining important leadership and policy
8 issues in their state and in the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, through EPFP's Continuing Education Units, states develop an extensive
10 network of professionals capable of sustaining and acting on a coherent policy dialogue
11 around significant issues in education; and

12 WHEREAS, organizations build the human capital and professional networks to
13 enable them to compete effectively in a strategic environment, and individuals develop their
14 leadership potential, knowledge of the policy process, and ability to add value to their
15 organizations at a strategic level; and

16 WHEREAS, since its inception in 1964, EPFP has produced nearly eight thousand
17 alumni who now lead at high levels in all sectors of American life, within and outside
18 education; and

19 WHEREAS, the inaugural class of Fellows coordinated by Orleans Public Education
20 Network has successfully graduated; and

21 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and congratulate Brian Adams with Teach
22 For America South Louisiana, Marsha Broussard with Louisiana Public Health Institute,
23 Sherdren Burnside with Journey Ninth Ward Assembly of God, Lisa French with Louisiana
24 Department of Education, Dr. Lisa Green-Derry with Urban Strategies, Inc., Susan Kahn
25 with University of Louisiana Lafayette, Sara Massey with Communities in Schools New
26 Orleans, Zakenya Perry Neely with Orleans Public Education Network, and Brionne Stewart
27 with Young Audiences Charter School on being chosen to participate in the Education Policy
28 Fellowship Program inaugural class and for successfully completing the fellowship.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
30 does hereby congratulate the first cohort of Fellows and wish them much luck in their

1 educational leadership endeavors across our great state.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Julia

3 Ramsey, Communications Coordinator at Orleans Public Education Network.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley Mitchell Carter.

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