

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the faculty, students, and Parent Teacher Association of Fairfield Elementary Magnet School of Shreveport upon receipt of the 2016-2018 National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) School of Excellence Award.

WHEREAS, the National PTA, the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the United States, recognizes Fairfield Elementary and the Fairfield PTA for its achievements in construction of effective lines of communication and in production of successful partnerships between administrators, teachers, students, family members, and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Fairfield PTA include the use of social media applications to provide a nearly constant dialogue between teachers and parents and to address student achievement, curriculum choice, study infrastructure, and testing analysis, as well as the connectivity of positive parental involvement in the social and academic ecology of this outstanding elementary school; and

WHEREAS, the school's administration maintains a website to facilitate lines of communication for individual teachers, a public Facebook page, and several private pages for "Fairfield families only"; and

WHEREAS, these interactions contribute to the overall positive achievement of the individual student and to overall academic improvement within the institution, which, in the long term, encourages growth within the community; and

WHEREAS, Fairfield PTA strengthens family-school bonds by assembling committee volunteers to coordinate various activities within the school year that include Artbreak, Auction/Spring Fling, Building and Grounds Beautification, Carnival, Cheer and School Spirit, D.A.D.S. Club, Faculty/Staff Appreciation, Grandparents Day, Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids, Hospitality, Room Parent Coordinator, and Yearbook, to name just a few opportunities; and

WHEREAS, among these many innovative activities that welcome parents to interact on campus, fathers and male role models are encouraged to participate in D.A.D.S. Club (Directing Awesome & Dedicated Students); and

WHEREAS, Fairfield PTA president, Melanie Peacock, articulates that the overall outcome of the organization is facilitation of meaningful two-way communication between families and school and improvement in educational opportunities for each student in a healthy and safe environment while expanding opportunities for artistic and cultural exploration; and

WHEREAS, Fairfield Elementary Magnet School is an exceptional institution of learning whose primary focus is the preparation of its student body for successful careers in the future; it is a five-star rated school that promotes the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) curricula and retains an extraordinary teaching and counseling staff; and

WHEREAS, Fairfield Elementary has been honored with copious awards in the field of education for outstanding teachers of the year and for recognition of student scholastic achievement, artistic talent, and musical accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Fairfield Elementary Magnet is proud to be one of two schools in Louisiana to receive this extraordinary designation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the faculty, students, and Parent Teacher Association of Fairfield Elementary Magnet School of Shreveport upon receipt of the 2016-2018 National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) School of Excellence Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Pam Graham, principal of Fairfield Elementary Magnet School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES