

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY REPRESENTATIVE NANCY LANDRY

EDUCATION: Commends Jenna Conway for her outstanding service with the state Department of Education and to the children and families of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Jenna Conway for her years of service with the state Department of Education  
3 and to the children of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana passed Act No. 3 in the 2012 Regular  
5 Session, named the Early Childhood Care and Education Act, which consolidated all early  
6 childhood care and education programs under the state Department of Education and the  
7 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to ensure that children served in  
8 publicly funded settings would be prepared for kindergarten and a successful transition to  
9 elementary school; and

10 WHEREAS, soon after the passage of Act No. 3, Jenna Conway was appointed to  
11 serve as assistant superintendent for early childhood care and education at the state  
12 Department of Education; Ms. Conway was tasked with implementing the new law and  
13 providing leadership and support for the early childhood care and education programs in the  
14 state, including those operated by child care centers, public and nonpublic schools, Head  
15 Start grantees, and other individuals and organizations receiving public funds; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Conway diligently worked with stakeholders, policymakers,  
17 providers, educators, and families to successfully implement Act No. 3 and other subsequent  
18 early childhood care and education laws; she was responsible for the transition of numerous  
19 child care licensing staff from the Department of Children and Family Services to the state  
20 Department of Education, streamlining and strengthening child care licensing regulations,

1 enacting a state definition of kindergarten readiness, developing Louisiana's Birth to Five  
2 Early Learning and Development Standards, adopting nationally recognized assessments to  
3 evaluate and support quality child care and education, increasing and redefining School  
4 Readiness Tax Credits to more effectively support quality, creating an ancillary teaching  
5 certification for early childhood educators, expanding the Child Care Assistance Program  
6 to serve more children and families, and unifying enrollment processes for publicly funded  
7 early childhood care and education programs in the state; and

8         WHEREAS, during her tenure, Ms. Conway led the creation of a first-of-its-kind,  
9 nationally recognized online tool designed to help families more easily locate and evaluate  
10 the quality of child care centers and prekindergarten programs by publishing performance  
11 profiles for all publicly funded early childhood programs; and

12         WHEREAS, Ms. Conway's unwavering commitment to improving early childhood  
13 care and education for Louisiana's children and families has led to the creation of the nation's  
14 most focused, innovative, and results-oriented early childhood care and education system,  
15 the strongest such system in Louisiana's history; and

16         WHEREAS, it is fitting to commend the outstanding achievements of Jenna Conway  
17 in the field of early childhood education; her service has put Louisiana's children on a better  
18 lifelong path and a brighter future.

19         THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend Jenna Conway for her  
21 outstanding service with the state Department of Education and to the children and families  
22 of Louisiana and does hereby extend to her enduring appreciation and best wishes for  
23 continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

24         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
25 to Jenna Conway.

DIGEST

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