

2020 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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3 2020 Elementary Principal of the Year honor awarded by the Louisiana State  
4 Department of Education and recognizes her many contributions to the education  
5 profession.

6 WHEREAS, Lisa Burns has served as an educator in the Bossier Parish school  
7 system for twenty-two years and began her journey in administrative duties in 2008 as the  
8 first assistant principal at W. T. Lewis Elementary; and in 2018, she was selected as Bossier  
9 Parish Elementary Principal of the Year; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Burns is an exceptional administrator who has devoted many hours  
11 to the development of a positive learning environment for student academic growth and  
12 meaningful objectives and intensive support to advance teacher proficiency and professional  
13 development; and

14 WHEREAS, under her tutelage, W. T. Lewis Elementary has maintained an  
15 exceptional standard of excellence having earned an "A" rating for each year of her  
16 principalship, and was recognized by the Louisiana State Department of Education in 2018  
17 as a Top Gains School and an Equity Honoree; and

18 WHEREAS, Lisa Burns considers her responsibilities as an educator are to

1 demonstrate leadership, motivation, and innovation; she expresses these obligations with  
2 inspiration and encouragement so that her students may develop a lifelong interest in  
3 learning and acquire those analytical skills necessary to become effective decision-makers  
4 and problem-solvers; and

5 WHEREAS, her teaching philosophy is a simple one: each year she sets identifiable  
6 goals for herself, the teaching staff, and the student body; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Burns believes that each school year should provide new  
8 opportunities that contribute to the continuity of a student's personal and academic  
9 development; each student is an individual with his own learning needs, strengths,  
10 weaknesses, and dreams of a successful future, and as a principal, it is her duty and privilege  
11 to help all of her students in their journey; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Burns also believes that students excel in an environment where  
13 they are loved and supported by inspired and empowered educators working together to help  
14 every child succeed; and

15 WHEREAS, the process for selecting a Louisiana Principal of the Year begins at the  
16 local level with each district superintendent or public charter school district making  
17 selections that are then forwarded to the Louisiana State Department of Education for  
18 competition at the statewide level; the selected nominees compete as elementary, middle  
19 school, or high school principals; and

20 WHEREAS, on Friday, July 19, 2019, Lisa Burns and other state-level honorees  
21 were celebrated at the Thirteenth Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala  
22 in Baton Rouge; and

23 WHEREAS, the annual competition, hosted by the Louisiana State Department of  
24 Education and the Dream Teachers nonprofit organization, recognizes outstanding individual  
25 achievement and exemplifies the highest honor bestowed on administrators by the  
26 department; and

27 WHEREAS, Lisa Burns has used her many talents to promote academic success in  
28 Bossier Parish and she exemplifies the best qualities of an administrator who encourages her  
29 students to excel in their academic, spiritual, and leadership roles as they advance to become  
30 good citizens in their community; and

