

2020 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY SENATOR FIELDS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends John White for his years of service as Superintendent of Education.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend John Charles White for eight years of service as Louisiana's State  
3 Superintendent of Education.

4 WHEREAS, in January 2012, John White was appointed to the position by the  
5 Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

6 WHEREAS, prior to this appointment, John White served as the Superintendent of  
7 the Louisiana Recovery School District, which included Orleans Parish schools  
8 post-Hurricane Katrina; and

9 WHEREAS, John White has been described as a hard-charging education reform  
10 evangelist, who launched *Louisiana Believes*, the state plan to ensure that every child is on  
11 track to college or a professional career; and

12 WHEREAS, in accordance with that plan, he helped usher in statewide expansion  
13 of school vouchers, tougher annual evaluations for public school teachers, and stricter rules  
14 on how public schools are rated; and

15 WHEREAS, John White worked to unify the state's fragmented early childhood  
16 system; and

17 WHEREAS, he modernized the curriculum and professionalized the preparation of  
18 educators in an effort to provide and enhance the pathways to prosperity for all high school

1 graduates; and

2 WHEREAS, John White's efforts resulted in Louisiana being better educated today  
3 than at any time in the state's history; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2018, Louisiana boasted an increased graduation rate of 81% which  
5 translates to about 5,000 more students graduating, enrolling in community colleges, or  
6 universities; and

7 WHEREAS, Louisiana ranked No. 1 in 2019 on the National Assessment of  
8 Education Progress (NAEP) for improvement in eighth grade mathematics and it ranks in  
9 the top 10 among states for improvement on all four main NAEP tests; and

10 WHEREAS, more Louisiana graduates than ever before have earned TOPS  
11 scholarships to ease the financial burden of a college degree; and

12 WHEREAS, John White has vacated his position as Louisiana's State Superintendent  
13 of Education effective March 11, 2020; and

14 WHEREAS, John White stated that, "his greatest blessing and privilege of his career  
15 was being named state superintendent of education for Louisiana".

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
17 does hereby commend John Charles White for eight years of service as Louisiana's State  
18 Superintendent of Education and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
20 John Charles White.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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