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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY SENATOR SMITH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Hahnville High School teacher Brittany Bonnaffons upon being named the 2023 Louisiana Teacher of the Year.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend and congratulate Hahnville High School teacher Brittany Bonnaffons upon
3	being named the 2023 Louisiana Teacher of the Year.
4	WHEREAS, excellence in teaching is the result of commitment, dedication,
5	inspiration, patience, creativity, hard work, and the highest order of professional integrity;
6	and
7	WHEREAS, research clearly demonstrates that teachers are paramount to student
8	achievement and it has been estimated that a teacher has two to three times the impact of any
9	other school factor; and
10	WHEREAS, Brittany Bonnaffons is now serving in her twelfth year as an educator,
11	teaching algebra at Hahnville High School, where she also serves as head track coach; and
12	WHEREAS, she graduated from Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State
13	University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration; and
14	WHEREAS, Ms. Bonnaffons went on to earn a Master of Science in business
15	administration from Louisiana State University, and a Master of Science in exercise science
16	from the University of Louisiana Monroe, as well as a Master of Arts in teaching from
17	Northwestern University; and
18	WHEREAS, historically, the Intensive Algebra students entering her class have

1	scored unsatisfactorily on their LEAP tests; however, under her direction, sixty-three percent
2	of Ms. Bonnaffons' students who were not on track to pass the LEAP and ninety-three
3	percent of her remaining learners passed the Algebra 1 LEAP 2025; and
4	WHEREAS, Ms. Bonnaffons' mission is to connect students to someone who has the
5	answers they need; and
6	WHEREAS, she believes math gives students perseverance, reasoning, and
7	problem-solving skills; and
8	WHEREAS, Ms. Bonnaffons works to connect students both inside and outside the
9	classroom walls to others who are successful to help students become the best versions of
10	themselves; and
11	WHEREAS, in 2018, Ms. Bonnaffons became the head coach for the track team and,
12	since that time, the team has captured four district championship team titles, two regional
13	runner-up team titles, more than fifty individual district medals, more than thirty individual
14	regional medals, and more than ten state medals; and
15	WHEREAS, she collaborates with the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference track and field
16	championship to give student athletes an awareness of collegiate opportunities; and
17	WHEREAS, Ms. Bonnaffons has said that her favorite things about coaching and
18	teaching are getting to see students really come alive inside and outside of the classroom and
19	that her goal is to bring out the best in students; and
20	WHEREAS, the Teacher of the Year program is a creation of the partnership
21	between the Dream Teachers, the Louisiana Association of Principals, and the Louisiana
22	Department of Education, which annually recognizes and celebrates the state's most
23	exceptional educators as a means to publicly honor and recognize the critical role of
24	instructional excellence in ensuring student success in school and in life; and
25	WHEREAS, Brittany Bonnaffons has been named the 2023 Louisiana Teacher of the
26	Year and is held in the highest regard by her students, her colleagues, and her community.
27	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28	commend and congratulate Hahnville High School teacher, Brittany Bonnaffons upon being
29	named the 2023 Louisiana Teacher of the Year, does hereby recognize the tremendous pride

that this award bestows on Hahnville High School and the St. Charles Parish public school

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1 system, and does hereby thank Ms. Bonnaffons for her commitment of energy and talent to

- 2 Louisiana's children.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
- 4 Brittany Bonnaffons.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

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