

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY SENATOR FOIL

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To commend and congratulate St. Luke's Episcopal School on receiving its first U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon School Designation.

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program, established in 1982 by the U.S. Department of Education, recognizes public and private schools for their academic excellence or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups; and

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon School flag symbolizes exemplary teaching and learning, affirming the dedication of students, educators, families, and communities in fostering safe and enriching learning environments; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School, founded in 1957 and educating children from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, has demonstrated outstanding academic achievements and a commitment to nurturing the whole child, integrating rigorous academics with social, emotional, and spiritual development; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School, in Baton Rouge, serves a diverse student population, and utilizes a responsive classroom approach to strengthen a student's academic and social and emotional competencies at a developmentally appropriate rate; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School's mission of challenging and nurturing the mind, body, and spirit reflects its dedication to inspiring students to lead lives of purpose, faith, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School's commitment to engaging students is evidenced by its low student-to-teacher ratio, personalized attention, enrichment programs, and recognition of positive behavior and academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School fosters strong family and community partnerships, creating a supportive environment that enhances student learning and well-being through various programs, events, and volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School's professional culture values teacher autonomy, collaboration, ongoing professional development, and a commitment to implementing best practices in education; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School's site-based leadership approach ensures that all stakeholders, including administrators, faculty, parents, and students, actively participate in decision-making processes, fostering a sense of ownership and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Episcopal School prioritizes culturally responsive teaching and learning, integrating diversity, inclusion, and global perspectives into its curriculum and community outreach initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, St. Luke's Episcopal School was one of only nine Louisiana schools recognized with a U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon School Designation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate St. Luke's Episcopal School for its exceptional achievements, dedication to student success, and contributions to fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment for all students as evidenced by its designation as a U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Father Bryan Owen, Headmaster of St. Luke's Episcopal School and Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES