

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126

BY SENATOR FIELDS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the 2024 graduates of the Louisiana Leadership Institute.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the state of Louisiana recognizes the diligence and achievements of the 2024 class of graduates, a dynamic and brilliant group of students, who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, community service, good character, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Leadership Institute is to be a nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to build leadership, improve academic skills, and increase self-esteem and motivation in students of the Greater Baton Rouge Metro Area; and

WHEREAS, the institute's aim is to create leaders for the twenty-first century by exposing students to educational, cultural, and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the institute is to develop leadership skills in elementary, secondary, and post-secondary education students by providing programs and opportunities that enhance students' learning and cultural experiences; and

WHEREAS, the institute offers a variety of programs including Leadership Classroom, the All-Star Marching Band, Boy Scouts of America Scouting, Dance, Math Monday, Drones and Aviation, Robotics, Step Team, and Boys and Girls Basketball; and

WHEREAS, students delve into a wide range of topics, including politics, current events, public speaking, interpersonal skills, and more; and

WHEREAS, after a year of participating in a series of events, including Christmas concerts, Black history programs, and senior service projects, their year is capped with the Senior's Graduation Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, during year-end ceremonies, former graduates of the institute who have pursued higher education at esteemed institutions such as Stanford University, Harvard University, and Howard University are honored; this year the honorees are Jo Hilliard, a

Georgetown University graduate, Carlette Dunn, a Southeastern Louisiana University graduate, Micah Jones, a Southern University and A&M College graduate, and Journe Smith, a Tulane University graduate; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 class of graduates from the Louisiana Leadership Institute are Serenti McNulty, Baker High School; Aniyah Domino, Baton Rouge Magnet High School; Lebron Steward, Belaire Magnet High School; Ahkeem Tillman, GEO Oaks High School; Taylor Boudreaux and Alana Brown, Glen Oaks High School; Marshawn Bridgewater, Istrouma Magnet High School; Jeremiah Keller-Barrow, Jehovah-Jireh Christian Academy; Jahbori Peters, Liberty Magnet High School; Justice Richardson, Live Oak High School; Logan Brown, Mia Glover, Dailynn Perry, Kailey Washington, and Meagan Stovall, Madison Preparatory Academy; Trinity Holmes, McKinley Senior High School; Christian Albert, Braedon Angelle, Ja'Nia Bell, Davontae Brown, Sidney Freeman, Lundyn Gobert, Aaliyah Goudeau, Kaliyah Jackson, Julian Norse, Kierstin Pitre, Lai'La Senegal, and Eriq Wilson Jr., Northwest High School; Alajah Jones and Tylin Thompson, Plaquemine High School; Austin Ligon, Ayden Ligon, and Alayjha Sanders, Scotlandville Magnet High School; Shadrionna Brumfield, Jandra Veal, and Isaiah Warner, St. Helena College and Career Academy; Korria Gordon, Zachary High School; Jeremiah Davis, Walker High School; and Hunter Hollins, Woodlawn High School; and

WHEREAS, the founder of the Louisiana Leadership Institute, Senator Cleo Fields, has been given yet another honor and the utmost privilege of inspiring an amazing group of future leaders and positive role models for our high schools, communities, and our state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the 2024 graduates of the Louisiana Leadership Institute and wishes them all the very best for their very bright futures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each graduate from the Louisiana Leadership Institute for the year 2024.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE