

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 67

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the winners of Teacher of the Year in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, in partnership with Dream Teachers, the Louisiana Department of Education annually recognizes and celebrates some of the state's most exceptional educators through the Teacher of the Year programs; and

WHEREAS, school systems from all across the state submitted nominations to the state-level Teacher of the Year process; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2020, the Louisiana Department of Education announced the 2021 Louisiana Teacher of the Year at the 14th annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Awards Gala, which was held virtually; and

WHEREAS, all Teacher of the Year finalists were celebrated and honored at the awards gala; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Roy of Glasgow Middle School in East Baton Rouge Parish was named the 2021 State Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Roy teaches Roman technology, classical mythology, and Latin, and her classes feature interactive lessons about the ancient Romans and Greeks infused with STEM, a unique curricular idea that has afforded her many grant opportunities; and

WHEREAS, although most of Ms. Roy's students had never been exposed to classical mythology, under her instruction, 63% of students at Approaching Basic or Basic rose to 89% at Mastery or Advanced, and her Latin students went from 60% at Approaching Basic or Basic to 100% at Mastery or Advanced; and

WHEREAS, in addition to announcing the overall state winners, the Department of Education also named the 2021 State Elementary, Middle, and High School Teacher of the Year winners; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Elementary School Teacher of the Year is Angelle Bourgeois of Allemands Elementary School in St. Charles Parish; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Middle School Teacher of the Year is Trinette Wallace of West Thibodaux Middle School in Lafourche Parish; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 High School Teacher of the Year is Kate Youngblood of Benjamin Franklin High School in Orleans Parish; and

WHEREAS, the previous year, on July 19th, the Louisiana Department of Education announced the 2020 Teacher of the Year at the 13th annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Awards Gala; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Mark Dier was awarded Teacher of the Year for 2020; Mr. Dier teaches World History and AP Human Geography at Chalmette High School in St. Bernard Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dier has been voted Teacher of the Year at St. Bernard Middle School and Chalmette High School and was also voted Teacher of the Year and parishwide Teacher of the Year while at Chalmette High; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Elementary School Teacher of the Year was Jessica Borland of South Grant Elementary School in Grant Parish; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Middle School Teacher of the Year was Lisa Celestine Jack of Vidrine Elementary School in Evangeline Parish; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 High School Teacher of the Year was Emily Ogden of Rayville High School in Richland Parish; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to honor these gifted teachers who strive for excellence in the classroom.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the winners of the Teacher of the Year in Louisiana and hereby extends sincere gratitude to these teachers for their tireless efforts to teach the youth of the great state of Louisiana.