### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

### BY SENATOR JOHNS

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend T.S. Cooley Elementary Magnet School in Calcasieu Parish upon being recognized as an "Exemplary High Performance School" and as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School.

WHEREAS, T.S. Cooley Elementary Magnet School in Calcasieu Parish has been recognized by the United States Department of Education as an "Exemplary High Performance School" and as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, T.S. Cooley Elementary Magnet School is a kindergarten through fifth grade public school with an enrollment of approximately three hundred students; and

WHEREAS, offering a nationally certified fine and performing arts program, T.S. Cooley allows students to participate in enriching experiences every day; and

WHEREAS, T.S. Cooley encourages students to take learning risks, expand their creativity, develop leadership attributes, and cultivate communication skills; and

WHEREAS, schools earning the honor of being named as "blue ribbon" are so designated by the U.S. Department of Education because they are either high performing or have closed a significant achievement gap, demonstrating that all students can achieve at high levels; and

WHEREAS, an "exemplary high-performing school" is designated by the state and places the school among the state's highest-performing schools as measured by Louisiana assessments and where subgroup performance and high school graduation rates are also at the highest levels; and

WHEREAS, both designations are significant achievements by the teachers and staff of T.S. Cooley and should occasion great pride for all those contributing to the school's success, particularly, the students and their supportive families. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend T.S. Cooley Elementary Magnet School in Calcasieu Parish upon being recognized as an "Exemplary High Performance School" and as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted, on behalf of the staff and students, to Emily Alcock, principal at T.S. Cooley Elementary Magnet School in Calcasieu Parish.

# PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

# SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES