

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATORS GARY SMITH AND BROWN AND REPRESENTATIVES GAINES,
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Ajit "AJ" Pethe of St. Charles Parish Public Schools upon being selected the 2014 Louisiana Principal of the Year and to recognize his outstanding service and contributions to the education of the youth of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana wishes to commend and recognize Ajit "AJ" Pethe upon his selection as the 2014 Louisiana Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pethe received his Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and his Masters in Educational Administration from the University of New Orleans, both times with a 3.9 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pethe was an educator for sixteen years and served as principal at Luling for the past six years where he led Luling to increase its school performance score by almost twenty points during his tenure and was named the district's principal of the year and then state principal of the year, he now serves as the Executive Director of Secondary Schools in the Central Office; and

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment in 2007 as principal of Luling Elementary School, he served the district well as a middle school teacher and coach, and administrative assistant of Lakewood Elementary School, and assistant principal of Hahnville High School; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of numerous organizations, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, American Association of School Administrators, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Louisiana Association of School Executives, Louisiana Association of Principals, and the National Reading Council; and

WHEREAS, the most important qualification for a Principal of the Year is a superior ability to provide instructional leadership to teachers and students of all backgrounds and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ajit "AJ" Pethe's selection as the Principal of the Year just confirmed what St. Charles Parish School District, St. Charles Parish teachers, and St. Charles Parish residents already knew, which is that St. Charles Parish has a superior educational system; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Legislature of Louisiana expresses its recognition and congratulations to Mr. Pethe who has spent his career touching and inspiring the lives and minds of the young students of St. Charles Parish while sharing his gifts, skills, personal commitment, and time to promote and improve the educational system in St. Charles Parish and in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mr. Ajit "AJ" Pethe of St. Charles Parish Public Schools upon being named the 2014 Louisiana Principal of the Year and recognizes his outstanding service and contributions to the education of the youth of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ajit "AJ" Pethe.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES