BY SENATOR SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Angelle Bourgeois on being selected as the 2021 Elementary School Teacher of the Year by the Louisiana Department of Education.

WHEREAS, alumna Angelle Bourgeois, Class of 2005 at Cabrini High School in New Orleans, was recently announced as the 2021 Louisiana Elementary School Teacher of the Year at the 14th annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Awards Gala; and

WHEREAS, Angelle is also an alumna of the University of New Orleans where she earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies in 2009 and her master's in early childhood education in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Angelle says she has always enjoyed school, and can remember as far back as the first grade volunteering to assist her teachers in decorating a classroom or pitching in on special projects; and

WHEREAS, she is an educator in the St. Charles Parish Public Schools District where her passion for education has driven her to set high expectations for every student she teaches; and

WHEREAS, Angelle states that her aim is to help students use their education to find their voice and take steps toward fulfilling their potential — academically, socially, and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, she spent many years achieving that goal at Norco Elementary in Norco, Louisiana, where she was named the school's Teacher of the Year in 2019 when she taught students K-5 in the school's gifted program; and

WHEREAS, she is currently achieving that goal teaching English at Allemands Elementary in Des Allemands, while serving as the school's assistant principal; and

WHEREAS, because Angelle's hard work has been effective and recognized by her peers, she became one of nine finalists for the honor of being awarded Louisiana's 2021 Elementary School Teacher of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, this honor is a creation of the partnership between the Dream Teachers and the Louisiana Department of Education which annually recognizes and celebrates the state's most exceptional educators through the teacher's program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Angelle Bourgeois on being selected as the 2021 Elementary School Teacher of the Year by the Louisiana Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms. Angelle Bourgeois.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE