

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 121

BY SENATOR JOHN SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Gerald Wayne Laughlin, principal of DeRidder High School, upon being selected as Beauregard Parish High School Principal of the Year and on thirty-eight years of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, the Principal of the Year award emphasizes the vital contribution that talented leaders make in motivating and supporting their schools to become effective centers of student learning as winners are judged on specific criteria, including leadership skills and commitment to academic excellence; community leadership; respect of students, parents, and colleagues; affiliations with educational organizations and demonstration of a superior ability to provide instructional leadership to teachers and students of all backgrounds and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Wayne Laughlin, principal of DeRidder High School, earned a bachelor's degree in 1973 and a master's degree +30 in 1990, all from McNeese State University; and

WHEREAS, his professional experience includes service as teacher and coach at Mamou High School from 1973 to 1982; Kaplan High School from 1982 to 1988; DeRidder High School from 1988 to 1992; Abbeville High School from 1992 to 1996; and a second term at DeRidder High School from 2003 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, his career in school administration includes being principal at Gueydan High School from 1996 to 1997, Kaplan High School from 1977 to 2003, and DeRidder High School since in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Wayne Laughlin is a member of the Beauregard Association of Principals, the Louisiana Association of Principals, and the National Association of

Secondary School Principals and has served on the Southern Association Review Committee, the Louisiana High School Athletic Association's Sports Seasons Committee and Sportsmanship Committee, and the Beauregard Parish Discipline Committee; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the DeRidder Chamber of Commerce and Ludington Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he has been honored as Vermilion Parish Principal of the Year in 2001 and in 2011 was selected as Beauregard Parish High School Principal of the Year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Gerald Wayne Laughlin, principal of DeRidder High School, on being selected as Beauregard Parish High School Principal of the Year and on thirty-eight years of dedicated service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Gerald Wayne Laughlin.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE