

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 181

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Thaddaeus M. Sands on his leadership and contributions as Educator and Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Specialist at Peabody Magnet High School in Alexandria, Louisiana, and being named the Golden Apple Teacher of the Week Recipient at Peabody Magnet High School and the Golden Apple Teacher of the Year Finalist in Rapides Parish for 2021.

WHEREAS, for over ten years, Thaddaeus M. Sands has served Peabody Magnet High School as Educator and JAG Specialist responsible for ensuring that the school fulfills its mission of providing a quality, well-rounded education to students; and

WHEREAS, he is dedicated to helping high school students at Peabody Magnet High School, especially those who may have experienced challenging situations or traumatic life experiences, to achieve success through graduation; and

WHEREAS, the school has made strides and graduated many students in Rapides Parish through JAG over the past decade through the hard work and commitment of Mr. Sands; and

WHEREAS, Thaddaeus is a 2005 Alumnus of Peabody Magnet High School, attended Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Theology; received a Bachelor of Science in English from Northwestern State University in 2018, and a Masters of Educational Leadership from Louisiana State University at Shreveport in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Thaddaeus is an ordained minister and also Senior Pastor of Love Fellowship Christian Church in Alexandria and has served in this leadership role for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, he was baptized and started his ministry at an early age and mentored along side his late grandmother, the founder of Love Fellowship Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, Thaddaeus, a member of the Alexandria Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, is a true community leader to the youth and is involved in many community and educational organizations across our state; and

WHEREAS, Thaddaeus has received many awards and recognitions across the parish and was awarded Teacher of the Year at Peabody Magnet High School in 2018 and Outstanding JAG Specialist for the state of Louisiana in 2018, 2019, and 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Thaddaeus M. Sands on his leadership and contributions as Educator and Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Specialist at Peabody Magnet High School in Alexandria, Louisiana, on being named the Golden Apple Teacher of the Week Recipient for Peabody Magnet High School and Teacher of the Year Finalist in Rapides Parish for the year 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he is also commended for being a service to students and Peabody Magnet High School as Educator and best wishes are hereby extended for continued success in all of his endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Thaddaeus M. Sands.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE