

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVES BERTHELOT, BACALA, PRICE, AND SCHEXNAYDER
AND SENATOR LAMBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend G.W. Carver Primary School in Ascension Parish upon receipt of the 2017
TAP Founder's Award from the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching.

WHEREAS, the TAP System for Teacher Advancement is an educator effectiveness
model that aligns teacher leadership, daily job-embedded professional development,
educator evaluation and support, and opportunities for performance-based compensation;
and

WHEREAS, introduced in 1999, the TAP System supports schools, districts,
universities, and states in advancing educator effectiveness and student learning; and

WHEREAS, through the TAP System, G.W. Carver Primary School in Ascension
Parish has been able to attract and retain effective teachers who in turn are energizing
students; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the TAP System, G.W. Carver Primary School has raised
its English Language Arts Academic Index, improved its accountability system letter grade,
and exceeded student growth targets; and

WHEREAS, the highest honor of the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching
is the TAP Founder's Award, which is presented annually to one school in the nation for
exceptional efforts to implement and represent the principles of the TAP System, resulting
in improvements in student achievement, among other goals; and

WHEREAS, the TAP Founder's Award comes with a \$50,000 cash prize; and

WHEREAS, Lowell Milken, chairman of the institute and founder of the TAP
System, recently announced that G.W. Carver Primary School in Ascension Parish,
Louisiana, is the 2017 recipient of the TAP Founder's Award; and

WHEREAS, at the National TAP Conference, the principal of G.W. Carver, Latatia Johnson, accepted the award on the school's behalf; Principal Johnson has commented that "TAP is a driving force behind our continued mission ... Our teachers are empowered; our students are empowered; we are changing lives"; and

WHEREAS, G.W. Carver Primary School is one of the bright lights in the Louisiana public school system, and the state takes note of its success and recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend G.W. Carver Primary School on receipt of the 2017 TAP Founder's Award from the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching; does hereby congratulate Principal Latatia Johnson and the entire faculty of the school upon receiving this glorious honor; and does hereby record the school's tremendous progress in teaching and in student achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented the principal of G.W. Carver Primary School, Latatia Johnson.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE