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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66
BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE NOWLIN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To proclaim May 18, 2010, as "Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts Day".
WHEREAS, the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, or "the Louisiana School", was established by legislative act in 1981 as an independent, residential high school to serve the academic, artistic, and creative needs of gifted and high-achieving Louisiana students; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana School officially opened its doors on the campus of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana in the fall of 1983 and graduated its first class in May of 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana School recruits academically gifted students across Louisiana to select a student body that represents at least seventy-five percent of the state's public school systems, as well as nonpublic schools, and which reflects the ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic diversity of the state; and

WHEREAS, since those first commencement exercises in 1985, the Louisiana School has produced more than four thousand graduates who have gone on to distinguish themselves at colleges and universities across the United States and in their personal and professional lives; and

WHEREAS, the stated mission of the Louisiana School is to "foster in its young scholars lifelong growth toward reaching individual potential and toward finding places of work and service in a global society through the examination and exchange of ideas in a community of learners"; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana School is nationally recognized for its commitment to excellence in teaching and learning and has twice been selected by Newsweek magazine as one of twenty-one public elite high schools in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly clear that the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts has fulfilled its mission with utmost distinction for more than twenty-five years by establishing and upholding the highest standards for its faculty and students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby proclaim May 18, 2010, as "Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts Day".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Patrick Widhalm, Executive Director, Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES