

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR WILLARD-LEWIS AND REPRESENTATIVE STIAES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Sheila W. Seals, a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School for Science and Technology social worker, on being named school social worker of the year by the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Chapter.

WHEREAS, the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Chapter named Sheila Seals as the recipient of the 2011 School Social Worker of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, annually, the Louisiana Chapter of Social Workers awards a social worker who exemplifies the best of the profession's values and achievements honoring the recipient for their superb accomplishments in the practice of social work in the school system; and

WHEREAS, Sheila W. Seals is a social worker at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School for Science and Technology in the Lower 9th Ward in New Orleans, has thirty years experience in various social work positions ranging from jobs in protective services for children to drug and violence prevention services for entities; and

WHEREAS, Sheila W. Seals received her BA from Vassar College in May 1977, and graduated from Tulane University School of Social Work with her MSW in December 1978, with her thesis entitled "An Examination of Attitudes of Teen Girls Toward Teen Pregnancy and Contraception"; and

WHEREAS, her licensures and certifications include: Board Certified Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Visiting Teacher-LA, Qualified School Social Worker, Certified School Social Work Specialist, Academy Certified Social Worker, Board Approved Clinical Supervisor Louisiana, and Licensed Clinical Social Worker Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Seals has presented workshops under the title of NASW Peer Mediation, Coping With The Holiday Blues, and Successful Parenting among others, and holds membership in the National Association of Social Workers for the states of Louisiana and Texas; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated her ability to analyze and understand complex social problems and issues affecting her clients, has made a tremendous impact on the students in the Lower Ninth Ward, is an advocate for encouraging and inspiring youth, and is resourceful in her ability to find support for her students and their families in a city that is changing; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Seals has demonstrated initiative through developing the Student of the Month program as a significant part of the school's positive behavior support process and has strategically structured the program such that it is a training and learning opportunity for students and a team building, cooperative endeavor with parents, community leaders and role models; and

WHEREAS, she is chair of critical support for the Red Ribbon Week observation, Reading is Fundamental book distributions and several health initiatives, and her participation in these roles evidences her strength, leadership skills, interpersonal competence, and capacities as a team player, and she has maximized these events as complete learning experiences for students; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Seals enjoys the respect of her fellow staff and is often sought for support, referral and consultation and displays a high level of personal resilience with which she has undertaken to impart to and use on behalf of those she serves.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that Sheila W. Seals, social worker at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School for Science and Technology, is hereby commended on being named school social worker of the year by the National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Chapter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sheila W. Seals.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES