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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY SENATORS MORRELL AND APPEL AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAMSON, LEGER AND MORENO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Brad Richard as the recipient of the 2015 Louisiana Culture Award for Artist of the Year.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend distinguished and published author, teacher, and artist Brad Richard as the recipient of the 2015 Louisiana Culture Award for Artist of the Year.

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard's contributions range from local to national, creating and developing artist outlets and organizations to share the art of writing in many different forms; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard is a department chair at Lusher Charter School where he founded, developed, and taught creative writing to students in sixth through twelfth grade for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard also teaches at Kenyon College Summer Workshop for teachers, New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, and Washington University in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, at Lusher, Mr. Richard's dedication to his students is evident by the numerous awards and scholarships his students have received; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard founded *street*, Lusher's high school literary journal, which was awarded the highest award by the 2014 National Council of Teachers of English Program to recognize excellence in student literary magazines; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard is a published author of three books: *Butcher's Sugar* (Sibling Rivalry Press, 2012), *Motion Studies* (The Word Works, 2011), and *Habitations*

(Portal Press, New Orleans, 2000), which was the 2010 Washington Prize; and

WHEREAS, his works appear in numerous major literary journals such as the *American Letters & Commentary, Barrow Street, Bayou, Gettysburg Review, Guernica, Hayden's Ferry Review, The Hollins Critic, Hunger Mountain, Iowa Review, Literary Imagination, Mississippi Review, North American Review, Passages North, Prairie Schooner, Western Humanities Review*, and *Witness*; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Mr. Richard co-curated The Waves Reading Series and continues to do so today; in 2010, he founded and codirected the Southeast Louisiana Writing Region's Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and continues to do so today; in 2007, he founded and codirected the New Orleans New Writers Literary Festival, a literary festival for high school students in the New Orleans region and continues to do so today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard embodies all of the finest characteristics of an artist and an educator; he is open and engaging and his positive affect on his many students shall not be forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend distinguished and published author, teacher, and artist Brad Richard as the recipient of the 2015 Louisiana Culture Award for Artist of the Year and recognizes his inspiring dedication to the education of the youth of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Brad Richard.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy Wells.

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