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Michael Brenden Simoneaux Day Proclaimed in Ascension Parish

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PICTURE CUTLINE –Parish President Tommy Martinez proclaimed Aug. 20, 2015 as Michael “Brenden” Simoneaux Day in Ascension Parish in honor of the Dutchtown High School physics teacher who won national recognition for excellence in teaching. President Martinez read the proclamation aloud at the Aug. 20 parish council meeting in Gonzales. A native of Prairieville, Brenden Simoneaux, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. He was selected by a panel of scientists, mathematicians and educators, following an initial selection process at the state level. The prestigious award was given this year to 108 math and science teachers in the U.S., the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. territories and the Department of Defense Education Activity Schools. The award was announced by President Barack Obama. Simoneaux hails from a long line of family educators. He taught physical science, chemistry and honors at East Ascension High School for several years before moving to Dutchtown High to teach chemistry, and eventually physics. “It truly is a great honor and after everything that I’ve experienced in the last six weeks, and the trip to Washington, and the opportunity to meet the President, I’ve come back home again energized and motivated to continue what I’ve been doing the last 22 years of my life. Thanks so much,” Simoneaux said. Standing from left to right are: Councilwoman Terri Casso, Parish President Tommy Martinez, Brenden Simoneaux, Dutchtown High School Principal Carli Francois and Parish Councilman Chris Loar.



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