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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Adriana Martin of the Southfield School on her mathematical aptitude and her Pi Day Challenge achievements.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend Adriana Martin of the Southfield School in Shreveport, Louisiana, upon her
3	mathematical skills and to congratulate her for outstanding scholastic achievements
4	and high rankings in the Pi Day Challenge.
5	WHEREAS, Adriana Martin is a third-grade honor student and distinguished scholar
6	at the Southfield School; and
7	WHEREAS, Adriana has exhibited an inordinate mastery of mathematics and
8	memorization in that she possesses exceptional memory recall and proficiency in the
9	recitation of numeric sequences of the ratio known as Pi, π , a mathematical constant
10	resulting from the division of the circumference of a circle by its diameter; and
11	WHEREAS, Pi is an irrational number, meaning it cannot be represented as a ratio
12	of integers with a nonzero denominator, its decimal representation is infinite and never
13	settles into a permanently repeating pattern; and
14	WHEREAS, at Southfield School, the math enrichment teachers issue the Pi Day
15	Challenge for all students to learn as many digit strings of Pi as possible, and on March 14th
16	of each year, 3.14, a Pi Day competition is held; and
17	WHEREAS, since kindergarten, Adriana has displayed unusual proficiency and
18	prodigious talent, far beyond her years, in the ability to memorize numeric sequences and

1	to write those numerals in the correct order; and
2	WHEREAS, in kindergarten, Adriana Martin correctly recited 120 digits, the
3	following year it was 603 digits, the next year it was 1,420 digits, and on March 14, 2016,
4	Adriana recited the digit string of Pi from memory without any outside help and without any
5	errors with an accuracy of 2,812 digits, almost doubling the previous total; and
6	WHEREAS, Adriana's incredible talent has not gone unnoticed in the world of
7	mathematic record keeping; she is ranked first in the United States by TeachPi Resources
8	among all third-grade participants and ranked 27th in North America; Adriana is ranked 83rd
9	in the world and ranked first in the world for her age bracket; and
10	WHEREAS, practice does make for perfection; she recites digit strings during the
11	drive to school with her father, then reviews the sequences later in the day; her explanation
12	for her astounding mental prowess is that she "sees the numbers in her head"; and
13	WHEREAS, Adriana is also a gymnast, a competitive swimmer in freestyle and
14	backstroke, and a budding violinist virtuoso; and
15	WHEREAS, like Pi, Adriana's destiny is filled with infinite possibilities; her thoughts
16	of the future include interests in medicine, teaching, design engineering such as an Imagineer
17	at Walt Disney World or as an automotive engineer; and
18	WHEREAS, Adriana is a role model and worthy of emulation and recognition and
19	she remains a source of great pride for her parents, family, and friends; and
20	WHEREAS, Adriana deserves to be honored and respected for her cognitive
21	capabilities, competitive spirit, and self-motivation; and
22	WHEREAS, Adriana Martin proves to be an extraordinary, well-rounded student
23	who exhibits, at the tender age of nine, exceptional potential to become a dynamic scholar
24	and an intellectual asset for her school, community, state, and nation.
25	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
26	commend and congratulate Adriana Martin of the Southfield School in Shreveport for her
27	many scholastic accomplishments in the Pi Day Challenge competition and wish for her
28	much success in the future.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

Adriana Martin and to Gordon Walker, headmaster of the Southfield School in Shreveport.

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

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Commends Adriana Martin on her many scholastic accomplishments and her participation in the Pi Day Challenge.