

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY REPRESENTATIVES GARY CARTER AND LEGER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Camp Tiger program at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Medicine.

WHEREAS, the 2010 census recorded that more than six percent of Louisiana's children have special needs; and

WHEREAS, one of the missions of the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans is to provide community outreach throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, as of March 2017, the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Medicine has a student population of eight hundred six; and

WHEREAS, the Camp Tiger program is administered by the School of Medicine and its first-year medical students; and

WHEREAS, Camp Tiger is a week-long summer camp in the New Orleans area that is entering its thirty-second year of operation; and

WHEREAS, annually, one hundred thirty Louisiana children with special needs are invited to attend Camp Tiger at no cost to them; and

WHEREAS, each camper is paired with at least two School of Medicine students; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Camp Tiger program has expanded its interprofessional training elements to allow for additional camper and student participation; and

WHEREAS, children with special needs such as Down syndrome, autism-spectrum disorder, paraplegia, muscular dystrophy, human immunodeficiency virus, and cerebral palsy are welcomed into Camp Tiger; and

WHEREAS, to date, more than four thousand Louisiana campers and eight thousand LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Medicine students have participated in the program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Camp Tiger program at the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Medicine; does hereby commend the faculty, staff, and students who support Camp Tiger for their contributions to the well-being and happiness of Louisiana children with special needs; and does hereby commend the continuing existence of this exemplary, free summer camp that is nonjudgmental and welcomes special needs children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Steve Nelson, dean of the School of Medicine at the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES