

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Kevin John Melancon on his numerous outstanding accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens of this state and the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognize Kevin John Melancon for his numerous outstanding accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Kevin John Melancon was born on June 2, 1972, and is a native of Acadiana; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Comeaux High School on May 28, 1994, where he was an enthusiastic member of the Comeaux High School wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Kevin has Down Syndrome, is affiliated with the Down Syndrome Association of Lafayette, Louisiana, and has been both a participant and a volunteer with the Down Syndrome Buddy Walk; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty years, Kevin John Melancon has been employed at Chick-fil-A on Ambassador Caffery Parkway in Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, he has faithfully fulfilled his duties as a dining room host working daily to meet and even exceed the Chick-fil-A service standards, and every customer that Kevin encounters leaves with a smile and a genuine appreciation of his service; and

WHEREAS, Kevin truly has a serving heart, not only for the customers of Chick-fil-A, but also for his community; and

WHEREAS, Kevin volunteers with the children's group at The Bayou Church, he is actively involved in the Special Olympics, participating in snow skiing and bowling, and he was a participant in the dancing with the ARC Stars (Association of Retarded Citizens); and

WHEREAS, Kevin was featured in the Spirit of Acadiana, a weekly television news program which highlights leaders in the community and he was also featured in the 008 Magazine; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Kevin collected over eighty-two thousand dollars for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Association; and

WHEREAS, Kevin John Melancon was named the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation Man of the Year for the State of Louisiana and the Acadiana Area; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon people like Kevin John Melancon who use their lives and obstacles as an example of how to inspire others to achieve unsurmountable goals and they dedicate their loving and compassionate hearts to making the world a better place for all who have the honor to encounter them.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby acknowledge the numerous accomplishments of Kevin John Melancon and wishes him much success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kevin John Melancon.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE