

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 249

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Jacob Nichols and Live 2 Serve for service to the Baton Rouge community.

WHEREAS, born in Baton Rouge, Jacob Allen Nichols graduated from Denham Springs High School and he graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in history in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Nichols founded Live 2 Serve in 2010 at the age of nineteen; it began as a way for he and a few of his friends, also LSU students, to play baseball and other games with children in the neighborhood north of the campus; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, Live 2 Serve has grown to involve thousands of student volunteers each year serving dozens of children each week in a program that includes outdoor games, Bible study, and crafts; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Live 2 Serve is "to be a positive Christian force in the lives of people living in poverty-stricken areas of Baton Rouge through teaching students how to make an impact by serving"; and

WHEREAS, Live 2 Serve's ministry programs are Live 2 Play, Live 2 Build, Live 2 Pray, and Homeless Ministries; Live 2 Serve participates in food drives, school supply drives, and Christmas giveaways; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols has partnered with the office of Louisiana State Representative Patricia Haynes Smith and area organizations for the District 67 Easter Egg Hunt and Eggstravaganza at the Family Youth Service Center in Baton Rouge and for the Christmas Toy Giveaway at Louisiana State University's Parker Coliseum; and

WHEREAS, Jacob drew his original volunteers from his own church, University Baptist; now his community partners include the First Presbyterian Church, Istrouma Baptist

Church, Christ the King Catholic Church, The Chapel on the Campus, the YMCA of the Capital Area, and Connections Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols has won several area awards for his work with Live 2 Serve, including Baton Rouge Man of the Year in 2012, the YMCA Red Heart Award in 2013, Louisiana Angel of the Year in 2013, City of Baton Rouge Most Outstanding Citizen in 2013 and 2014, and the Early Southern Childhood Association Rich Snowfield Award in 2015; and

WHEREAS, all of Jacob's work is done out of his sincere love and compassion for people, and his generosity and loving heart have left an indelible mark on the many local youth; Live 2 Serve largely depends on the support of volunteers and sponsors to whom Mr. Nichols and the children he serves are eternally grateful.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jacob Nichols and the organization he founded, Live 2 Serve, for service to the Baton Rouge community; does hereby express sincere gratitude to Mr. Nichols for his kindness and integrity which are so evident in his heartfelt efforts on behalf of his fellow citizens; and does hereby record for posterity his unwavering and inspiring generosity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jacob Nichols.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES