

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 251

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Destination Imagination teams from the Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts on advancement to the Destination Imagination Global Finals.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Destination Imagination team finalists from the Baton Rouge Center for
3 Visual and Performing Arts upon their first place win at the state competition and on
4 their advancement to the Destination Imagination (DI) Global Finals.

5 WHEREAS, these young innovators are third, fourth, and fifth graders from the
6 Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts (BRCVPA), a public elementary school
7 and part of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System Magnet Program; and

8 WHEREAS, the thirteen students who make up the teams of DI competitors took first
9 place at the state competition held March 4, 2018, in Bossier City, Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, this was the first DI teams ever to compete from BRCVPA and the only
11 teams from Baton Rouge to be invited to the DI Global Finals; and

12 WHEREAS, the objective of the DI experience is to produce an enlightening
13 hands-on process of learning that fosters creativity, courage, and curiosity through
14 open-ended academic situations; students learn through experimentation, the creative
15 process, and the application of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and
16 mathematics) principles; and

17 WHEREAS, each year Destination Imagination proposes a new set of project-based
18 challenges to an international audience of students from kindergarten to collegiate level; and

1 WHEREAS, the BRCVPA teams competed in the engineering challenge called
2 "Drop Zone" and the science challenge called "Unlikely Attraction"; and

3 WHEREAS, in the Drop Zone challenge, students were charged with engineering a
4 structure that could withstand increasing amounts of weight while being dropped from
5 ever-increasing heights, and required the structure remain as light as possible and be
6 incorporated into a dramatic performance; and

7 WHEREAS, the Unlikely Attraction was a science challenge that required
8 competitors to imagine a theme park situation that operated in an unexpected place and to
9 populate the park with creative attractions based in science; and

10 WHEREAS, the advantages of DI challenges are that participants learn 21st Century
11 academic skill sets along with the social skills of patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics,
12 respect for others and their ideas, and the benefits of collaborative efforts in problem-
13 solving; and

14 WHEREAS, the DI Global Finals held in Knoxville, Tennessee, known as the
15 "World's Largest Celebration of Creativity", will include more than fourteen hundred teams
16 from forty-five states in the USA and fourteen foreign countries, all of whom shall compete
17 in STEAM-themed challenges; and

18 WHEREAS, these competitors gain self-confidence through creativity, critical
19 thinking, team building, problem solving, risk taking, project management, and
20 perseverance; and

21 WHEREAS, the BRCVPA students have used the creative process to turn their ideas
22 into reality and have learned invaluable life skills that are needed to succeed in school, their
23 future careers, and beyond.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
25 does hereby commend the Destination Imagination team finalists from the Baton Rouge
26 Center for Visual and Performing Arts upon advancement to the Destination Imagination
27 Global Finals.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
29 Candice Hartley, principal of the Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts.

