

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 158

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize the Louisiana teams that participated in the 2019 FIRST Robotics Season.

WHEREAS, FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a national nonprofit organization that operates robotics programs for young people ages six to eighteen in the United States and internationally, impacting more than 500,000 young people around the world each year; and

WHEREAS, ten years of evaluation data document that FIRST participants show a statistically significant higher interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); increased involvement in STEM-related activities; greater STEM identity; higher levels of STEM knowledge; and greater interest in STEM careers than students who do not participate, and the impact is even greater for female students; and

WHEREAS, FIRST participants are more motivated to do well in school, more likely to take a challenging math or science course, and show improved problem solving, time management, conflict resolution, and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, FIRST alumni express a greater interest in going to college and are twice as likely to major in science or engineering as other students; and

WHEREAS, FIRST robotics competitions are designed to foster a love of science and engineering and inspire young peoples' interest and participation in science and technology; and

WHEREAS, a FIRST robotics competition is as close to real-world engineering as a student can get, combining the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology (the ultimate "Sport for the Mind"), with participants calling it "the hardest fun you'll ever have"; and

WHEREAS, these FIRST teams and their mentors deserve recognition and respect for their hard work, dedication, commitment, love of science and technology, and quest for excellence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and highly commend the Louisiana teams that participated in the 2019 FIRST Robotics Season, with special recognition for those participating and volunteering for the 2019 Festival de Robotique as follows:

- (1) Bayou Builders, FIRST LEGO League Team 4043
Dow Chemical, Hammond, Louisiana
Jean and Ben Williams, Team Mentors
- (2) Cyber Crocs, FIRST LEGO League Team 25657
Home School, Bush, Louisiana
Janelle Lorenzen, Team Mentor
- (3) Code Wizards, FIRST LEGO League Team 31697
Home School, Bush, Louisiana
Janelle Lorenzen, Team Mentor
- (4) I.C.E. (Immaculate Conception Engineers) FIRST LEGO League Team 23645
Immaculate Conception School, Marrero, Louisiana
Anthony Spano, Team Mentor
- (5) Westside Whirlbots, FIRST LEGO League Team 19533
Hammond, Louisiana
Eric R. Ballard, Team Mentor
- (6) Flying Ninjas, FIRST LEGO League Junior Team 11670
Bush, Louisiana
Janelle Lorensen, Team Mentor
- (7) I.C.E. Chips (Blue), FIRST LEGO League Junior Team 10943
Marrero, Louisiana
Jessica Nieves, Team Mentor
- (8) Torbotics, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 2080
Hammond High Magnet School, Hammond, Louisiana
Danny Thomasson, Team Mentor
- (9) 14664, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 5997

- East Iberville Elementary/High School, St. Gabriel, Louisiana
Victoria Hogan, Team Mentor
- (10) Falcon Robotics, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 4087
Benjamin Franklin High School, New Orleans, Louisiana
Teresa Burchette and Tim English, Team Mentors
- (11) Raider Robotics, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 5971
Archbishop Rummel High School, Metairie, Louisiana
Paul Odenwald, Team Mentor
- (12) Tigerbots, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 2183
Hahnville High School, Boutte, Louisiana
Tyler Dufrene, Team Mentor
- (13) S S Prometheus, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 2992
Mandeville High School, Mandeville, Louisiana
Michael Sonnier, Team Mentor
- (14) Phenomena, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 3616
Southside, Comeaux, and Lafayette High School, Lafayette, Louisiana
Lisa Ranney, Team Mentor
- (15) BulahBots!, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 3753
Parkview Baptist High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Shawn Liner, Team Mentor
- (16) Guardian Angels, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 5168
Warren Easton Senior High School, New Orleans, Louisiana
Rozetta Millner, Team Mentor
- (17) Wildcat Robotics, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 3039
Destrehan High School, Destrehan, Louisiana
Brian Young and Stefanie Ward, Team Mentors
- (18) Team Combustion, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 1912
Northshore and Salmen High School, Slidell, Louisiana
Ann Tassin, Edward Galiano, and Alan Jones, Team Mentors
- (19) Ramageddon Robotics, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 4336

Lafayette and Acadiana High School, Lafayette, Louisiana

Phillip Ryland, Team Mentor

- (20) KnightVision, FIRST Robotics Competition Team 3991

Episcopal High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dr. Jeff McLean, Team Mentor

- (21) Redfish Robotics, FIRST Tech Challenge Team 9958

Redfish Robotics Foundation, Slidell, Louisiana

Michael and Michele Clark, Team Mentors

- (22) Event Horizon, FIRST Tech Challenge Team 13017

HYPE Robotics (Helping Tangi Youth Pursue Excellence in Robotics)

Hammond, Louisiana

Jean and Ben Williams, Team Mentors

- (23) Astrobots, FIRST Tech Challenge Team 14726

Home School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Debra Simino, Team Mentor

- (24) Storm Chasers, FIRST Tech Challenge Team 9661

Hammond High Magnet School, Hammond, Louisiana

Danny Thomasson, Team Mentor

- (25) Cyclones, FIRST Tech Challenge Team 10703

Hammond High Magnet School, Hammond, Louisiana

Danny Thomasson, Team Mentor

- (26) Blue Jays, FIRST Tech Challenge Team 6448

Jesuit High School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Kyle White, Team Mentor

- (27) Dark Matter, FIRST Tech Challenge Team 14374

Community Team, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana

Elizabeth Cato and Leanne Truehart, Team Mentors

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