

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 156

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Mr. Haiden Richard upon winning the title of 2021 World Champion Duck Caller.

WHEREAS, on November 24, 1936, the first World's Championship Duck Calling Contest was held in Stuttgart, Arkansas, and in November 2021, the 86th annual World Championship Duck Calling Competition was held; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for this competition, contestants are required to win a preliminary state or regional duck calling contest sanctioned by the Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce and held in one of thirty-eight states or in Canada; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2021, at the Wings Over the Prairie Festival, in Stuttgart, Arkansas, Haiden Richard, a native of Erath, Louisiana, competed against fifty-five other duck callers to win the title of World Champion Duck Caller; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard, inspired by his father and other family members who loved to hunt, started fiddling with a duck call at the age of twelve, and by the age of fifteen, he could not deny his love for being in a duck blind; and

WHEREAS, over the next five years, Haiden Richard began developing his hunting and calling skills, and it was by chance while on a goose hunt, he met Brook Richard, a competitive caller, who recognized Haiden's talent as a duck caller and encouraged Haiden to enter competition callings; and

WHEREAS, Haiden Richard took his friend's advice and began entering competition calling contests and won many of these contests including local, state, and national awards; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 and 2015, Haiden Richard tried to qualify for the World's Championship Calling Contest but was unsuccessful until 2017, when he qualified after winning the Louisiana State title; and

WHEREAS, he qualified for the World Championship Calling Contest again in 2018 and 2019 and placed tenth and eleventh, respectively; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, after many years of dedication and determination, Haiden Richard was victorious and became the first Louisianan since 1953 to win the title of World Champion Duck Caller; and

WHEREAS, Haiden Richard learned with earning the championship title to never quit and if you practice and work towards excellence, the rewards will follow; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and success of Haiden Richard merits a special measure of commendation for the pride it brings to the town of Erath and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Haiden Richard for his dedication and determination on winning the 2021 World's Championship Duck Calling Contest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Haiden Richard.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE