

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dennis "Maliq" Barnes on his record-setting college scholarship award offers and extraordinary achievements.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dennis "Maliq" Barnes on his record-setting college scholarship awards and
3 extraordinary achievements.

4 WHEREAS, Dennis "Maliq" Barnes, a senior at International High School of New
5 Orleans (IHSNO) set a national record by receiving scholarship offers from 185 colleges and
6 universities totaling more than ten million dollars, generating international attention; and

7 WHEREAS, Barnes has maintained a cumulative high school grade point average
8 of 4.98 at IHSNO and holds a leadership position in the National Honor Society chapter at
9 his school; and

10 WHEREAS, Barnes is fluent in Spanish and received an official qualification from
11 the Institute Cervantes on behalf of Spain's Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sports, and
12 was recently awarded the Jose Luis Baños Award for Excellence in Spanish Language by
13 Maria Page, Honorary Consul of Spain in New Orleans; and

14 WHEREAS, Barnes has been dual enrolled at Southern University of New Orleans
15 for the past two years, earning college credits while pursuing his high school diploma; and

16 WHEREAS, set to graduate from IHSNO on May 24, 2023, Barnes' current plan is
17 to pursue a dual undergraduate degree in computer science and criminal justice; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Adierah Berger, head of school at IHSNO, praised Barnes for his

1 dedication to academics and eagerness to help his peers; and

2 WHEREAS, Barnes' advice to his peers is to be vigilant and mindful that "The road
3 to a successful future is to plan ahead, network with the collegiate partners, and know that
4 if you can see your vision, you can achieve your goal;" and

5 WHEREAS, Barnes announced his decision to attend Cornell University in Ithaca,
6 New York, in a ceremony similar to those usually held for five-star athletes; and

7 WHEREAS, Barnes stated, "I love my city, but I do want to get out and experience
8 things. See different things that I haven't seen before," as he promised to "always" come
9 back home; and

10 WHEREAS, Barnes also said he hopes to meet new people and "get an understanding
11 and different perspective of the world, have my eyes opened and my perceptions changed
12 by the people around me for the better"; and

13 WHEREAS, Barnes plans to enroll in Cornell's College of Engineering to pursue a
14 degree in computer science, hoping to have a career in software development.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
16 does hereby commend and congratulate Dennis "Maliq" Barnes on his extraordinary
17 achievements and record-setting college scholarship offers and does extend best wishes to
18 him in his future endeavors.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
20 Dennis "Maliq" Barnes.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Celeste D. Ellis.

DIGEST

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