

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 91

BY SENATOR FIELDS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Louisiana's Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) on winning the Department of Homeland Security Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships' 2023 Invent2Prevent national high school competition.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Louisiana's Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) on
3 winning the Department of Homeland Security Center for Prevention Programs and
4 Partnerships' 2023 Invent2Prevent national high school competition.

5 WHEREAS, Invent2Prevent is an experiential project that challenges high school
6 students to create and activate their own peer-developed initiatives, products, and tools to
7 prevent targeted violence and help create safe schools and communities; and

8 WHEREAS, the competition is sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security
9 Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships and managed by EdVenture Partners and
10 the McCain Institute; and

11 WHEREAS, this year LYAC designed and entered a card game called "Let's Talk";
12 "Let's Talk" is a series of question cards created for 4th and 5th graders to counter the social
13 isolation effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and help children to talk about themselves and
14 the problems they face in a safe environment; and

15 WHEREAS, LYAC's goal with the game is to help facilitate conversations between
16 the game's participants while also building friendships and making connections; and

17 WHEREAS, from the eighteen high school teams from across the United States that
18 entered projects in the competition, LYAC's "Let's Talk" was selected as one of the top three

1 projects and the council was invited to present on their project in the final round of
2 competition in Washington, D.C. to determine the overall winner; and

3 WHEREAS, after a presentation on their project before a panel of judges, LYAC was
4 selected as the 2023 overall high school champion; and

5 WHEREAS, LYAC was represented at the competition by members: Diana Diaz, a
6 senior at St. James High School in Vacherie; Isabella Lancaster, a senior at Mt. Carmel
7 Academy in New Orleans; Israel Netters, a senior at Southside High School in Youngsville;
8 Brooke Richards, a senior at Mandeville High School in Covington; and Colden Russell, a
9 senior at Caldwell Parish High School in Columbia.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
11 does hereby commend and congratulate Louisiana's Legislative Youth Advisory Council on
12 winning the Department of Homeland Security Center for Prevention Programs and
13 Partnerships' 2023 Invent2Prevent national high school competition.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
15 LYAC staff coordinator, Megan Bella.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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