

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 137

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COMMENDATIONS. Commends the outstanding performance of the Lake Castle Slidell Private School Robotics Team at the 2023 International SeaPerch Challenge.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the outstanding performance of the Lake Castle Slidell Private School
3 Robotics Team at the 2023 International SeaPerch Challenge.

4 WHEREAS, the Lake Castle Slidell Private School, which opened in 1987, continues
5 to uphold its motto of excellence in education; and

6 WHEREAS, the intellectually skilled sixth and seventh-grade students comprising
7 the 2023 Lake Castle Private School's Robotics Team, also known as *Team Viper*,
8 impressively secured a spot within the top fifty among the extensive pool of over one
9 hundred SeaPerch teams globally; and

10 WHEREAS, SeaPerch is a competition and community which fosters the
11 development of students in constructing underwater remotely operated vehicles (ROV),
12 while providing educators with resources and training to facilitate the journey, ultimately
13 enriching the skills of STEM professionals worldwide; and

14 WHEREAS, dubbed more than just a program, the SeaPerch international program
15 is a community, infused with local elements, striving to diminish conventional obstacles to
16 engage in state-of-the-art robotics programs, while equipping STEM professionals with
17 practical and interconnected learning content that bridges the gap between academia and
18 real-world applications; and

1 WHEREAS, the SeaPerch Program extends beyond the realm of constructing
2 underwater ROVs, it also encompasses a nurturing ecosystem comprising students,
3 educators, mentors, and advocates, uniting to *conquer the world, pool by pool* through the
4 prestigious SeaPerch Challenge, an exclusive invitation-only event where teams that excel
5 in this registered regional contest earn their coveted opportunity to compete in the
6 culminating event, the annual International SeaPerch Competition; and

7 WHEREAS, at the 2023 Regional SeaPerch Challenge in Marine Robotics, held at
8 the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland, *Team Viper* not only secured an
9 invitation but triumphed, earning an impressive ranking among the top fifty teams out of
10 more than one hundred international participants; and

11 WHEREAS, after showcasing impressive engineering skills through technical papers
12 and presentations, *Team Viper* was recognized by the SeaPerch Program and RoboNation,
13 a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering students in finding innovative solutions
14 to global challenges through immersive educational experiences, earning a fourth-place
15 ranking in the Mission Course Ranking, a third-place ranking in the Obstacle Course
16 Ranking, a forty-fourth ranking in the Technical Design Ranking, a thirty-ninth ranking in
17 the Team Video Ranking, and an overall praiseworthy fourth-place position among their
18 international counterparts; and

19 WHEREAS, *Team Viper* and three other high schools from the United States will
20 proudly serve as representatives of the Gulf Coast region in the upcoming 2023 International
21 SeaPerch Competition, showcasing the undeniable validation and testament to the
22 effectiveness of Lake Castle Slidell Private School's commitment to their *educational*
23 *excellence* school motto and following the principle stated by Plato, "The direction in which
24 education starts a man, will determine his future life."

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED with an amalgamation of exceptional educators,
26 a dynamic and forward-thinking curriculum, and well-structured classroom settings, the
27 Lake Castle Slidell Private School SeaPerch Robotics Team can proudly bask in the
28 international limelight, celebrating the remarkable achievements of being among the very
29 best at the 2023 SeaPerch Challenge.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does

