

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 231

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dennis "Maliq" Barnes on his record-setting college scholarship awards 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 is a senior at International High School of New  
5 Orleans (IHSNO) who set a national record for scholarship offers received; his offers totaled  
6 more than \$10 million from one hundred eighty-five colleges and universities; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes has maintained a cumulative 4.98 GPA at IHSNO and holds  
8 a leadership position in his school's chapter of the National Honor Society; he is fluent in  
9 Spanish, and he received an official qualification from the Institute Cervantes on behalf of  
10 Spain's Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sports; he was also recently awarded the Jose  
11 Luis Baños Award for Excellence in Spanish Language by Maria Page, Honorary Consul of  
12 Spain in New Orleans; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes has been dual enrolled at Southern University of New  
14 Orleans for the past two years and has earned numerous college credits while pursuing his  
15 diploma; he graduated from IHSNO on May 24, 2023, and plans to pursue dual  
16 undergraduate degrees in computer science and criminal justice; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Adierah Berger, head of school at IHSNO, praised Mr. Barnes for  
18 his genuine dedication to academic excellence and his eagerness to help his peers; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes urges his peers to be vigilant and mindful that "the road to  
20 a successful future is to plan ahead, network with collegiate partners, and know that if you  
21 can see your vision, you can achieve your goal"; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes has chosen to attend Cornell University in Ithaca, New  
2           York; his announcement was made during a ceremony similar to those held for Division I  
3           NCAA athletic recruits; he plans to pursue a career in software development; and

4           WHEREAS, Dennis "Maliq" Barnes is a truly inspiring young man who has brought  
5           tremendous pride to the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana; he is most deserving  
6           of the highest recognition for his unparalleled accomplishments.

7           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
8           Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dennis "Maliq" Barnes on his record-setting  
9           college scholarship awards and extraordinary achievements and does hereby extend sincerest  
10          wishes that he always prosper in his endeavors.

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