

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 231

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Dennis "Maliq" Barnes is a senior at International High School of New Orleans (IHSNO) who set a national record for scholarship offers received; his offers totaled more than \$10 million from one hundred eighty-five colleges and universities; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES