

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY SENATOR HODGES

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Denham Springs High School Robotics Team.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Denham Springs High School Robotics Team.

3 WHEREAS, the Denham Springs High School Robotics Team, also known as
4 *Denham Venom*, has demonstrated extraordinary talent, dedication, and resilience in the field
5 of robotics, earning commendation and acclaim; and

6 WHEREAS, FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)
7 is a national nonprofit organization that operates robotics programs for young people ages
8 six to eighteen in the United States and internationally, impacting more than 500,000 young
9 people around the world each year; and

10 WHEREAS, FIRST robotics competitions are designed to foster a love of science
11 and engineering and inspire young peoples' interest and participation in science and
12 technology; and

13 WHEREAS, at the Magnolia Regional in Laurel, Mississippi, held March 15-16,
14 2024, *Denham Venom* emerged victorious as the Regional Winner, showcasing their
15 exceptional engineering prowess and strategic acumen; and

16 WHEREAS, the team's outstanding achievement at the Magnolia Regional was
17 further distinguished by their receipt of the Autonomous Award, which recognizes their
18 robot's exceptional ability to operate autonomously with precision and effectiveness,

1 reflecting their innovative design and programming capabilities; and

2 WHEREAS, at the Bayou Regional in New Orleans, Louisiana, held April 3-6, 2024,
3 *Denham Venom* completed the competition winning the Woodie Flowers Finalist Award and
4 the Excellence in Engineering Award; and

5 WHEREAS, despite being a relatively young team, with only five years since its
6 establishment and three years of competitive experience, *Denham Venom* has swiftly risen
7 to prominence in the realm of robotics competitions, demonstrating their potential for
8 continued success and distinction on the national stage; and

9 WHEREAS, after achieving an unparalleled 10-0 record, the team made their
10 first-ever appearance in the prestigious 2024 FIRST Championship in Houston, Texas, held
11 April 25-27, 2024; competing in the Archimedes Division and winning the Creativity
12 Award; and

13 WHEREAS, under the guidance and leadership of Coaches Daniel Eiland and Danny
14 Thomasson, the 40-student team has exhibited remarkable dedication and teamwork,
15 investing countless hours in the design, fabrication, assembly, and programming of their
16 robot, a testament to their unwavering commitment to excellence; and

17 WHEREAS, the Denham Springs High School Robotics Team is sponsored by
18 esteemed organizations such as NASA, Dow Chemical Company, Weyerhaeuser, West
19 Coast Products, Department of Defense STEM, and Fabworks, whose support has been
20 instrumental in fostering the team's success and enabling their participation in competitive
21 events.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby commend the Denham Springs High School Robotics Team for their
24 outstanding achievements and for exemplifying the spirit of innovation, teamwork, and
25 excellence in STEM education.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 Denham Springs High School Robotics Team.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Kathy Liberty.

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