

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the Denham Springs High School Robotics Team.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the team's outstanding achievement at the Magnolia Regional was further distinguished by their receipt of the Autonomous Award, which recognizes their robot's exceptional ability to operate autonomously with precision and effectiveness, reflecting their innovative design and programming capabilities; and

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

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

WHEREAS, after achieving an unparalleled 10-0 record, the team made their first-ever appearance in the prestigious 2024 FIRST Championship in Houston, Texas, held

April 25-27, 2024; competing in the Archimedes Division and winning the Creativity Award; and

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE