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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 254** 

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

## A RESOLUTION

To commend the athletic and scholastic achievements of Harlem Michael Berry on the occasion of his seventeenth birthday.

WHEREAS, Harlem Michael Berry was born on May 24, 2007, to Harry and Tonika Berry; throughout his young life, he has overcome numerous obstacles and defied the odds to become an outstanding athlete; and

WHEREAS, Harlem is the youngest child in his family, and he has three siblings: Janasia Berry, Harry M. Berry, Jr., and Lamoine Reshae Ward, Jr.; he also has two nieces, Ruby and Denver Kieffer, and two nephews, Bronx Ward and Julez Berry; and

WHEREAS, Harlem is a student at St. Martin's Episcopal School in Metairie, Louisiana; he plans to graduate in December 2024, and he will enroll at Louisiana State University for the fall 2025 semester; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Berry is a phenomenal multi-sport athlete who competes in basketball, football, and track and field; he has led St. Martin's Episcopal to two LHSAA basketball titles and two LHSAA state football playoffs semi-finals appearances, and he has won multiple LHSAA track and field titles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Berry is the highest-rated running back recruit in the state of Louisiana, and he will certainly be a household name in the years to come; he chose to attend LSU so that he can inspire other young Louisiana athletes to take pride in representing their state at the next level; and

WHEREAS, Harlem Michael Berry is a truly inspiring young man and is worthy of the highest recognition and praise for his outstanding achievements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the athletic and scholastic achievements of Harlem Michael Berry on the occasion of his seventeenth birthday and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue his excellent work and always strive for greatness.