

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY SENATOR HARRIS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the New Orleans Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Kids Competition Camp for its commitment to excellence in martial arts competitions.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the New Orleans Louisiana Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (NOLA BJJ) Kids Competition  
3 Camp for its commitment to excellence in martial arts competitions and to welcome  
4 NOLA BJJ to the state capitol on Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

5 WHEREAS, the NOLA BJJ network of academies had humble beginnings during  
6 the early 1990s as a small group of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu enthusiasts gathered in a garage to  
7 exchange grappling knowledge; and

8 WHEREAS, NOLA BJJ is now the oldest and largest Brazilian Jiu Jitsu school in  
9 New Orleans with over fifty Black Belts at six locations throughout the metro area (Uptown  
10 Temple Gym, Midcity MMA, New State, Third Gate, West Bank Social Club, and NOLA  
11 BJJ Treme) each with a distinctive culture and style, is home to hundreds of students, and  
12 hosts innumerable visitors from around the world; and

13 WHEREAS, following irreparable damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, Professor  
14 Matthias Meister, an international Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation World Champion and Fifth  
15 Degree Black Belt, established the NOLA BJJ headquarters on Magazine Street where it has  
16 weathered many subsequent storms and a global pandemic; and

17 WHEREAS, NOLA BJJ continues to evolve and flourish offering classes five days  
18 a week for boys and girls ages three through fifteen years old; and

1           WHEREAS, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu training provides physical, mental, and emotional  
2 benefits for kids while developing their strength, flexibility, posture, self-control, self-  
3 esteem, and social skills; and

4           WHEREAS, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu also teaches kids health habits, goal setting, conflict  
5 resolution, and the ability to overcome fear and how to address bullying; kids who  
6 participate develop a bond with one another and benefit from the influence of the positive  
7 role models who support the program; and

8           WHEREAS, NOLA BJJ initiated its Kids Competition Camp a year ago providing  
9 its most highly motivated youth a weekly, two-hour high intensity sport-oriented training  
10 designed to prepare the youth to be successful in competitions; and

11           WHEREAS, as kids develop essential Jiu Jitsu fundamentals and technique  
12 throughout the week, NOLA BJJ Kids Competition Camp emphasizes endurance, animal  
13 movements, cardiovascular stamina, and breath control, as well as the competition point  
14 systems, match strategy and sequences, rules, submissions, and defense while the camp  
15 integrates yoga and breath control technique training; and

16           WHEREAS, kids who compete develop positive, pro-social relationships with kids  
17 from around the region and have the opportunity to improve their Brazilian Jiu Jitsu by  
18 cross-training with kids from outstanding programs such as JM Modern Jiu Jitsu, Science  
19 of Jiu Jitsu Academy, and Hunter MMA; and

20           WHEREAS, the NOLA BJJ Kids Competition Camp started with six kids and has  
21 ballooned to over twenty resulting in many of NOLA BJJ's adults rotate in and providing  
22 specialized training and role modeling for the youth; and

23           WHEREAS, on April 20, 2024, NOLA BJJ sponsored thirteen youth to compete in  
24 the North American Grappling Association Championship and every kid made the podium  
25 bringing home eleven Gold Medals, six Silver Medals, and three Bronze Medals.

26           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
27 does hereby commend the New Orleans Louisiana Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Kids Competition  
28 Camp for its commitment to excellence in martial arts competitions and welcomes NOLA  
29 BJJ to the Louisiana State Capitol on Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

1 commends and congratulates NOLA BJJ's coaches and the participants in Kids Competition  
2 Camp and their parents, and hereby recognizes and records for posterity their outstanding  
3 achievements and continuing dedication to the gentle art of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and the  
4 personal growth that it facilitates.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Will  
6 Harrell, NOLA BJJ's Kids Competition Camp Coordinator and Coach.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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