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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 298

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

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 Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Kids Competition Camp for its  
3 commitment to excellence in martial arts competitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 WHEREAS, NOLA BJJ initiated its Kids Competition Camp a year ago providing  
6 its most highly motivated youth a high intensity sport-oriented training designed to prepare  
7 the youth to be successful in competitions; and

8 WHEREAS, as kids develop essential Jiu Jitsu fundamentals and technique, NOLA  
9 BJJ Kids Competition Camp emphasizes endurance, animal movements, cardiovascular  
10 stamina, and breath control, as well as the competition point systems, match strategy and  
11 sequences, rules, submissions, and defense; and

12 WHEREAS, kids who compete develop positive relationships with kids from around  
13 the region and have the opportunity to improve their Brazilian Jiu Jitsu by cross-training  
14 with kids from outstanding programs such as JM Modern Jiu Jitsu, Science of Jiu Jitsu  
15 Academy, and Hunter MMA; and

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

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the New Orleans Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Kids  
21 Competition Camp for its commitment to excellence in martial arts competitions; does  
22 hereby welcome NOLA BJJ to the state capitol; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that  
23 these inspiring kids continue their excellent work and always strive for greatness.

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