

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 298

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES