

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY SENATOR GALLOT AND REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Ben Serio, senior at Ruston High School, on being named a National Merit Scholarship winner.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Ben Serio, a senior at Ruston High School, on being selected
3 as a National Merit Scholarship recipient.

4 WHEREAS, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation annually awards to
5 distinguished high school seniors corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarship awards
6 financed by about two hundred corporations, company foundations and other business
7 organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, scholars are selected from students who advance to the finalist level in
9 the National Merit Scholarship competition and meet criteria of their scholarship sponsors;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Ben Serio, a senior at Ruston High School, has been selected as one of
12 one thousand National Merit Scholarship recipients throughout the country as he was chosen
13 out of sixteen thousand candidates to compete in the final rounds based on his abilities, skills
14 and accomplishments which included his academic record, information about his school's
15 curricula and grading system, two sets of test scores, a written recommendation from the
16 high school officials, information about his leadership, and his own written essay; and

17 WHEREAS, Ben Serio earned a 4.0 GPA as well as a 34 on his ACT, serves as drum
18 major, uniform staff manager, and principal horn for the Ruston High School Bearcat band,

1 and has held both the state and local office of parliamentarian in the Future Business Leaders
2 of America; and

3 WHEREAS, he is a volunteer with Rolling Hills Thrift Store, helps present the Hot
4 Halloween Happenings at the Ruston Fire Department, and is involved in the Vigil Choir and
5 Catholic Youth Organization at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church; and

6 WHEREAS, Ben Serio has placed first in Chemistry, Algebra II and World
7 Geography in the District Literary Rally and finished fifth in the National FBLA
8 Parliamentary Procedure competition; and

9 WHEREAS, following graduation, he plans to attend college and double major in
10 music education and engineering; and

11 WHEREAS, Ben Serio merits a special measure of commendation for his
12 outstanding achievements as a student and citizen.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 commend and congratulate Ben Serio, senior at Ruston High School, on being named a
15 National Merit Scholarship recipient, does hereby commend him for his outstanding
16 accomplishments, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for full measures of success
17 and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ben
19 Serio.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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