

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 165

BY SENATOR GUILLORY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Ben Mouton of St. Thomas More High School upon his selection as a representative of Louisiana at the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Ben Mouton of St. Thomas More High School upon his selection as a
3 representative of the state of Louisiana at the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership
4 Congress in Chicago, Illinois.

5 WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program (HOBY) was established
6 in 1958 by the popular actor, Hugh O'Brian, following a visit to Africa where he was
7 inspired after meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer to create an organization designed to
8 encourage young people to take a leadership role in society and become catalysts for change;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Ben Mouton, the son of Ann Maria Mouton, attended the Hugh O'Brian
11 Youth Leadership Seminar held in June 2013, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

12 WHEREAS, Ben Mouton was joined at the leadership seminar by one hundred thirty
13 other young leaders representing their high schools throughout Louisiana, where they
14 discussed the core values of the HOBY organization, including the impact of volunteering
15 in one's community, partnership in community, and an appreciation and need for diversity
16 in today's culture; and

17 WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress is held every year in
18 conjunction with a major United States university, and the World Leadership Congress

1 brings together young men and women from around the world for a weeklong intensive
2 educational leadership conference; and

3 WHEREAS, Ben Mouton was chosen to represent Louisiana in the Hugh O'Brian
4 World Leadership Congress being held in July 2014, at the Loyola University Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, at the World Leadership Congress, students learn firsthand about other
6 cultures and opinions, form friendships, and exchange ideas in an environment where they
7 can feel comfortable in open discussions with their peers, while learning to voice how they
8 have shaped and formed their own views about the role of leadership in society; and

9 WHEREAS, Hugh O'Brian believes the most important thing in education is to teach
10 young people to think for themselves; the more than three hundred seventy-five thousand
11 HOBY alumni demonstrate how this belief has influenced and inspired young people to
12 become more involved in their communities; and

13 WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress seeks to inspire high
14 school students to excel as leaders by using friendship with others as a catalyst for their
15 learning experiences.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 commend and congratulate Ben Mouton of St. Thomas More High School upon his selection
18 as a representative at the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress in Chicago, Illinois, and
19 does hereby recognize the immense pride and honor that this outstanding young man has
20 brought to his family, friends, school, community, and state.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ben
22 Mouton.

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

DIGEST

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