

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 165

BY SENATOR GUILLORY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress is held every year in conjunction with a major United States university, and the World Leadership Congress brings together young men and women from around the world for a weeklong intensive educational leadership conference; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES