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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 205

BY REPRESENTATIVES THOMPSON, HENRY BURNS, CARMODY, AND REYNOLDS AND SENATORS ADLEY AND PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the JROTC cyber team of Parkway High School in Bossier City upon placing in the top one percent in the CyberPatriot VI National Finals.

WHEREAS, the Air Force Association CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program was created by the Air Force Association to inspire high school students to seek careers in cyber security or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to the nation's future; and

WHEREAS, CyberPatriot began in 2009 as a proof of concept demonstration at the Air Force Association's Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando, Florida, where nine high school civil air patrol squadrons competed; and

WHEREAS, the program has grown exponentially since 2009, with over one thousand five hundred teams from all fifty states, Canada, and Department of Defense Dependant schools overseas that registered for CyberPatriot VI; and

WHEREAS, CyberPatriot VI was open to all high schools, middle schools, and accredited home school programs around the nation; and

WHEREAS, the competition is made up of three different divisions including the open high school division, the all-service division, and the middle school division; and

WHEREAS, the early rounds of the competition are done online during weekends via the Internet from teams' schools or other sponsoring organizations' facilities; and

WHEREAS, prior to the round, teams download virtual image representations of operating systems with known flaws, or cybersecurity vulnerabilities and the team's assignment is to find the flaws while keeping specified computer functions working; and

WHEREAS, team progress is recorded by a central CyberPatriot scoring system and the scores from qualification rounds are totaled to determine the semifinalists; and

WHEREAS, the top scoring semifinal teams from each division are invited on an all-expenses paid trip to the in-person national finals competition; and

WHEREAS, during national finals, teams compete against a live aggressor team in a series of cyber challenges including a network security master challenge, a digital forensics challenge, cyber crime scene challenges, and a cisco networking challenge; and

WHEREAS, competition in a CyberPatriot National Finals is a challenging educational endeavor for both the coaches and the participants; and

WHEREAS, for a team to obtain an elite ranking in a competition of one thousand five hundred teams composed of the brightest minds of their generation is a feat to be admired; and

WHEREAS, a part of the all service division, Parkway High School's exceptional JROTC cyber team placed in the top one percent in the CyberPatriot VI National Finals; and

WHEREAS, led by their coach, Master Sergeant Bob O'Brien, six members of Parkway High School's JROTC cyber team were among the top contenders in the CyberPatriot VI finals: Austin Carr, Chas Chapman, Josh Hardacre, John Metz, Brian Thiessen, and Team Captain Jasper Sinagra, all of whom have a field of specialty.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Parkway High School's JROTC cyber team for their outstanding achievement in the CyberPatriot VI National Finals and recognize their impressive and distinguished mastery of valuable cyber security and STEM disciplines critical to the nation's future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Parkway High School's JROTC.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE