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2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR JOHNS AND REPRESENTATIVE DANAHAY

COMMENDATIONS. Congratulates Dylan Alvarez upon being chosen as a recipient of the 2016 Young Heroes Award.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dylan Alvarez upon being chosen as a recipient of the 2016 Young Heroes Award.

WHEREAS, Dylan Alvarez is a student at Sulphur High School and has met and succeeded in conquering much adversity in his young life; and

WHEREAS, at the age of eight, Dylan's mother died, followed six weeks later with the death of his brother in an automobile accident and the death of his sister merely nine months following the loss of his brother; and

WHEREAS, with no one to care for him at home, Dylan was taken to live with his biological father who neglected and abused him, becoming a virtual prisoner in his home; and

WHEREAS, Dylan's older stepbrother gave him a phone with the intention that Dylan call his maternal uncle and ask for help; and

WHEREAS, Dylan's uncle immediately removed him from the father's home and brought Dylan to live with him; and

WHEREAS, for the first time since his mother's death, Dylan was grateful to live in a home where he was valued and cared for and where he could thrive; and

WHEREAS, Dylan has risen to overcome these considerable challenges in his young

life, has become a leader at Sulphur High School, and is beginning to make his dream of becoming a broadcast journalist a reality; and

WHEREAS, Dylan is the Sulphur High School teen reporter for KPLC television station in Lake Charles and has brought the spotlight to fellow students at his school; and

WHEREAS, Dylan is one of eight high school students in Louisiana to be chosen to receive this award sponsored by Louisiana Public Broadcasting and the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this program was underwritten this year by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana and CenturyLink; and

WHEREAS, the Young Heroes program, now in its twenty-first year, celebrates the achievements of students who have excelled in the classroom, served their communities, and have inspired everyone around them, often prevailing over significant adversities; and

WHEREAS, having the inner strength and tenacity to prevail in the face of heart-breaking and daunting challenges, few would believe that Dylan's dream of becoming a broadcast journalist is unattainable; and

WHEREAS, Dylan hopes that the achievement of his dream of becoming a journalist would provide him with a platform from which to shed light on the abuse and neglect that millions of children endure each year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dylan Alvarez upon being chosen as a recipient of the 2016 Young Heroes Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms. Beth Benoit, Twelfth Grade Counselor at Sulphur High School, for presentation to Dylan Alvarez.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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