

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 161

BY SENATOR GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Benton Middle School for earning the first-ever national championship in the 2016 National Archery in Schools Program national tournament.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Benton Middle School for earning the first-ever national championship
3 representing Louisiana in the 2016 National Archery in Schools Program national
4 tournament.

5 WHEREAS, the students of Benton Middle School in Benton, Louisiana participated
6 in the 2016 National Archery in Schools Program national tournament in Louisville,
7 Kentucky, on May 12 through 14, where two hundred and six middle school teams from all
8 over the country competed for the first time in this national event; and

9 WHEREAS, Benton Middle School's team was led by eighth graders Aidan Haire,
10 who finished tenth in the boys middle school division, and Abbie Rutledge, who finished
11 fifteenth in the girls middle school division; and

12 WHEREAS, the middle school team scored a total of thirty four hundred and four
13 points winning the championship by a slim margin of only eight points over Pulaski
14 Northern Middle School of Kentucky; and

15 WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 Benton Middle school archery team members are: Trip
16 Armer, Lauren Bayne, Lake Bradford, Emma Bunch, Logan Cook, Landon Couch, Emily
17 Croall, Riley Daniels, Dalton Diel, Brady Duncan, Carson Dye, Rebekah Edmonds, Josh
18 Farris, Steven Fort, Kelton Fowler, Kendall Fowler, Tucker Gibbs, Aden Gilcrease, Aidan

1 Haire, Averie Halverston, Nathan Hardin, Dylan Hicks, Alisha Huffman, Ashleigh Hughes,
2 Conrad Johnson, Jonah Jones, Brandon Kennedy, Peyton Kennedy, Emory Kiser, Colby
3 Leeper, Amber Long, Kayla Lynch, Kaitlyn Masters, Ethan Miller, Kaitlyn Misenheimer,
4 Shawn Nugent, Anna Robins, Abbie Rutledge, Hunter Sanford, Carly Van Buskirk, Carter
5 Waggoner, Tahlor Walker, Luke Ward, Trey Winkler, and Jazmine Young, all under the
6 direction of coaches Terrie Streetman and Jessica Benoit; and

7 WHEREAS, the Benton Middle School team claimed a world title at last year's world
8 tournament, a year before the national tournament was instituted, and the team is eligible to
9 take part in the National Archery in Schools Program World Tournament in Myrtle Beach,
10 South Carolina on June 24 through 26, 2016; and

11 WHEREAS, the archery team has been training, practicing, and participating in
12 meets throughout the school year with the goal of competing and winning the first-ever
13 national archery title; and

14 WHEREAS, nearly two hundred Louisiana student archers from fourteen schools
15 participated in the state tournament in March, and nearly thirteen thousand students from
16 across the nation competed for a chance to represent their states at the national tournament;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the Benton Middle School archery team participates in Archery in
19 Louisiana Schools, a program of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources that offers
20 grants to purchase a portion of the equipment necessary for schools to participate in the
21 National Archery in Schools Program curriculum; and

22 WHEREAS, the National Archery in Schools Program is a target archery program
23 designed to achieve specific education and conservation purposes, it is designed to be taught
24 during the school day in the school gymnasium, and is highly standardized to maintain
25 archery's record of exceptional safety; and

26 WHEREAS, the National Archery in Schools Program for students in grades four
27 through twelve has two specific goals, first to improve student motivation, behavior,
28 attendance, and focus in relation to education while seeking to encourage students to spend
29 more time in the outdoors and to learn outdoor skills that will inspire them to spend more
30 time with wild things in wild places.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
2 does hereby commend Benton Middle School for earning the first-ever national
3 championship representing Louisiana in the 2016 National Archery in Schools Program
4 national tournament.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
6 Benton Middle School principal, Dr. Kyle Machen.

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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