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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

## BY SENATORS CLAITOR AND WHITE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the heroic actions taken by Daniel Wesley of Central during a dangerous medical emergency.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Daniel Wesley of Central, Louisiana, for his heroic actions as a Good
3	Samaritan to render aid during a dangerous medical emergency.
4	WHEREAS, it is a tremendous personal sacrifice to come to the aid of another in
5	harm's way; however, Daniel Wesley exhibited extraordinary bravery and courage when
6	faced with bodily harm in an attempt to render medical assistance to a critically wounded
7	gunshot victim; and
8	WHEREAS, Daniel Wesley is a Christian, a Good Samaritan, and an altruist of the
9	highest order, who without hesitation ignored his own safety to offer medical assistance to
10	a stranger; and
11	WHEREAS, while a senior at Central High School, Daniel is matriculated in
12	emergency medical technician training and certification; and
13	WHEREAS, his parents were both first responders, with his father having been a
14	retired paramedic and EMS supervisor; Daniel responded to the crisis carrying his father's
15	medical kit; and
16	WHEREAS, on November 27, 2016, Daniel stopped to render aid to a gunshot victim
17	who had been left for dead along Essen Lane in Baton Rouge; although with his valiant
18	efforts and exceptional training, April Peck would later succumb to her injuries; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, during this horrific emergency situation, the alleged assailant returned to the scene to inflict mayhem on this Good Samaritan by shooting him twice; in the hip and 2 3 arm, and then hitting Daniel twice with his automobile; and WHEREAS, since that fateful day, Daniel Wesley has endured numerous surgeries 4 to repair his body, and continues with countless hours of physical therapy to regain his 5 6 balance and mobility; and 7 WHEREAS, during these trying times, Daniel displays a maturity far beyond his 8 seventeen years of age; determined to survive the attack, he treats every medical and 9 physiological obstacle in his recovery as a challenge to be overcome; all of these admirable 10 characteristics exemplify his strong will and unfaltering faith; and 11 WHEREAS, during his hospital convalescence, Governor John Bel Edwards and 12 First Lady Donna Edwards paid Daniel a visit to wish him a speedy recovery and remarked 13 that Daniel set an exemplary model of courage for others to emulate; the governor even 14 obliged his request for root beer flavored carbonated beverages; and 15 WHEREAS, Baton Rouge Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome stated 16 emphatically that, "Daniel was an example not only for young people, but for all of us"; and WHEREAS, the citizens of Central are very proud of their young hometown hero, 17 18 and Daniel cherishes each word of encouragement, bouquet of flowers, and visit as a 19 blessing; and 20 WHEREAS, Principal David Scott, along with the students and faculty of Central 21 High School, have kept his spirits high with numerous communications and fundraising activities to offset his medical expenses; then welcomed Daniel back to school in 22 23 mid-January; and WHEREAS, Daniel will celebrate his eighteenth birthday in April, and in May, he 24 25 shall receive his diploma and graduate along with his classmates, the 2017 Senior Class of Central High School; and Daniel is confident that he will walk unaided in commencement 26 27 ceremonies; and WHEREAS, despite these life-changing events, Daniel Wesley remains optimistic; 28 29 he has a bright future ahead, having displayed his capacity for the best attributes of humanity
- 30 and altruism; he walks in faith and looks for the good in all mankind.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
commend Daniel Wesley for his heroic actions to save the life of another during a dangerous
medical emergency.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby wish
continued success for Daniel Wesley in all his future endeavors.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
Daniel Wesley of Central, Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan P. Montague.

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Claitor

Commends Daniel Wesley of Central for heroic actions taken to render aid during a dangerous medical emergency.