

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY SENATOR GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Zachary Evans Cryer on being named Louisiana's Elementary Student of the Year for 2016-2017.

A RESOLUTION

To commend Zachary Evans Cryer on being named Louisiana's Elementary Student of the Year for 2016-2017.

WHEREAS, Zachary Cryer, a fifth grader at Kingston Elementary School in Benton, Louisiana has been named by the Louisiana Department of Education as Elementary School Student of the Year; and

WHEREAS, on his way to the state honor, Zachary Cryer was Bossier Parish Elementary School Student of the Year and was named by the Department of Education as regional finalist for Elementary Student of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Cryer balances academics with leadership roles, sports, and many community endeavors, including work in the summer and involvement in activities at the HUB ministry in downtown Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the HUB ministry, in which Zachary is particularly involved, provides both necessities and services focusing on the homeless population, including a drive that Zachary organized to provide cold weather clothing for those who utilize the services of and do volunteer work at the HUB; and

WHEREAS, at school, Cryer serves as president of the Student Council and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is branch manager for the school's bank, and is a member

1 of the 4-H Club, the Robotics Club, and the National Elementary Honor Society; and

2 WHEREAS, in the community, Cryer volunteers with the Kingston Safety Squad,  
3 the parish's AIM program, the Cypress Baptist Church Kids Staff and the HUB ministry; and

4 WHEREAS, among his projects, Zachary has organized an archery tournament to  
5 benefit an ill student at a neighboring school and he has taken part in the planting of seeds  
6 for a beautification project; and

7 WHEREAS, a gifted athlete, Zachary Cryer plays basketball, baseball, and soccer,  
8 runs cross country, and competes in archery; and

9 WHEREAS, Cryer is also a musician who plays the piano and has competed in  
10 Kingston's talent show; and

11 WHEREAS, this is not the first recognition of the efforts of Zachary Cryer, he has  
12 been recognized for his leadership and involvement, including receiving the 2016 Kiwanis  
13 Club "Terrific Kid" award; and

14 WHEREAS, Zachary has previously won four writing and poetry competitions, a  
15 spelling bee, taken home awards for reading, book projects, and shooting sports, participated  
16 in a regional science fair, and has earned straight A's for five consecutive years; and

17 WHEREAS, Zachary is the son of Jeff and Emily Cryer and the brother of Landry;  
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19 WHEREAS, despite his youth, Zachary Cryer has assisted his fellow students,  
20 worked diligently academically, athletically, and as a contributing member of his  
21 community, an impressive list of accomplishments for any adult, let alone a fifth grade  
22 student; a young man comfortable in the role of both giver and leader.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
24 does hereby commend Zachary Evans Cryer on being named Louisiana's Elementary Student  
25 of the Year for 2016-2017.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
27 Zachary Evans Cryer.

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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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