

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Burnaman Family Association on its accomplishments.

WHEREAS, the Burnaman Family Association was organized in 2000 as a nonprofit organization:

(1) To unite the descendants of Sarah and Phillip Burnaman I and to strengthen family ties through genealogical and historical research.

(2) To promote the socialization and fellowship of members of the Burnaman Family Association.

(3) To encourage recreation, enjoyment, and contact of family members through communication, meetings, conferences, and reunions; and

WHEREAS, it was suggested and approved by the membership to begin holding an auction on Friday night at the reunions which are held every two years with the proceeds being used to fund a scholarship fund to be awarded to members or children of members of the association; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship requirements include:

(1) A completed application form.

(2) A handwritten essay by the applicant explaining why he or she is applying for the scholarship and what their goal in life is.

(3) An essay by the applicant on "The importance of family, ancestors, traditions, and family values to me".

(4) Proof that the applicant is enrolled as a full time student of higher education, vocational, technical or trade schools, or other institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship amount was set at five hundred dollars per year with at least one scholarship being awarded and more if funds permitted and, currently, four of the scholarship recipients have completed college; and

WHEREAS, the first scholarship was awarded in 2012 to Merritt Alexandra Luneau who was attending LSU in Baton Rouge, and from 2012 through 2017, sixteen scholarships have been awarded with fourteen recipients attending schools in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, five scholarships were awarded, with two students attending Louisiana College in Pineville, one student at University of Louisiana Monroe, one at LSU, and one at Central Louisiana Technical College in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the association endeavors "to promote higher learning" for young adults of the association.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Burnaman Family Association on its accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Burnaman Family Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE