

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 135

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COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes the Louisiana teams that participated in the 2017 FIRST Championship.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize and highly commend the Louisiana teams that participated in the 2017 FIRST
3 World Championship in Houston, Texas.

4 WHEREAS, FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)
5 is a national nonprofit organization that operates afterschool robotics programs for young
6 people ages six to eighteen in the United States and internationally, impacting more than
7 400,000 young people around the world each year; and

8 WHEREAS, ten years of evaluation data document that FIRST participants show a
9 statistically significant higher interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and
10 Mathematics (STEM), increased involvement in STEM-related activities, greater STEM
11 identity, higher levels of STEM knowledge, and greater interest in STEM careers than
12 students who do not participate, and the impact is even greater for female students; and

13 WHEREAS, FIRST participants are more motivated to do well in school, more likely
14 to take a challenging math or science course, and show improved problem solving, time
15 management, conflict resolution, and communication skills; and

16 WHEREAS, FIRST alumni express a greater interest in going to college and are
17 twice as likely to major in science or engineering as other students; and

18 WHEREAS, FIRST robotics competitions are designed to foster a love of science

1 and engineering and inspire young people's interest and participation in science and
2 technology; and

3 WHEREAS, a FIRST robotics competition is as close to real-world engineering as
4 a student can get, combining the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and
5 technology (the ultimate "Sport for the Mind"), with participants calling it "the hardest fun
6 you'll ever have"; and

7 WHEREAS, the annual FIRST Championship is the culminating event for FIRST
8 participants with team activities, efforts, and competitions held throughout the year; and

9 WHEREAS, ten teams from Louisiana, with their mentors, traveled to Houston,
10 Texas, in April 2017, to participate in the 2017 FIRST Championship activities and pit their
11 skills and mental agility against the best and brightest from across the United States and the
12 globe; and

13 WHEREAS, these FIRST teams and their mentors deserve recognition and respect
14 for their hard work, dedication, commitment, love of science and technology, and quest for
15 excellence.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17 does hereby recognize and highly commend the Louisiana teams that participated in the
18 2017 FIRST Championship in Houston, Texas, as follows:

19 (1) Panthrobotics, FIRST Robotics Team 3337

20 Woodlawn High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

21 Daniel Eiland, Team Mentor

22 (2) Wildcat Robotics, FIRST Robotics Team 3039

23 Destrehan High School, Destrehan, Louisiana

24 Brian Young, Team Mentor

25 (3) FHS Robodawgs, FIRST Robotics Team 2221

26 Fontainebleau High School, Mandeville, Louisiana

27 Tracy Hoffman, Team Mentor

28 (4) Team Combustion, FIRST Robotics Team 1912

29 North Shore High School and Salmen High School, Slidell, Louisiana

30 Clark Rowley, Team Mentor

- 1 (5) Team Phenomena, FIRST Robotics Team 3616
2 Comeaux High School, Lafayette High School, and Home School Students
3 Lafayette, Louisiana
4 Lisa Rainey, Team Mentor
- 5 (6) KnightVision, FIRST Robotics Team 3991
6 Episcopal High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
7 Bruce Bowman, Team Mentor
- 8 (7) S. S. Prometheus, FIRST Robotics Team 2992
9 Mandeville High School, Mandeville, Louisiana
10 Jaelyn Duhe', Team Mentor
- 11 (8) Dark Matter, FIRST Tech Challenge Team 10337
12 Mandeville Jr. High School, Mandeville, Louisiana
13 Tracy Hoffman, Team Mentor
- 14 (9) Redfish Robotics, FIRST Tech Challenge Team 9958
15 Slidell, Louisiana
16 Mike Clark, Team Mentor
- 17 (10) Bayou Builders, FIRST LEGO League Team 4043
18 Louisiana Children's Discovery Center, Hammond, Louisiana
19 Benjamin Williams, Team Mentor

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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