

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 181

BY SENATOR GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the city of Minden on its many accomplishments and for its efforts raising money for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the city of Minden on its many accomplishments and for its efforts raising  
3 money for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

4 WHEREAS, since Charles Hanse Veneer laid out plans for a town in the shape of a  
5 parallelogram in 1837 and named the proposed settlement Minden, after the home of his  
6 ancestors in Germany, the beautiful town in Caddo Parish has had a proud history marked  
7 by many successes; and

8 WHEREAS, in its early history, Minden was home to many devout denominations  
9 of Christians, including Methodists, Baptists, and Episcopalians, and many of its early  
10 settlers were from Germany, England, and from South Carolina and Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, the economic life of the community has always centered around  
12 commerce on Bayou Dorcheat, and the city has served as a shipping point for much of the  
13 interior of North Louisiana; and

14 WHEREAS, despite a string of tragedies over the years, including the Civil War and  
15 a major fire followed by a tornado in 1933, which together destroyed over half the town and  
16 killed twenty-eight people, the city and people persevered; and

17 WHEREAS, the current day city of Minden is a thriving place where many of the  
18 city's early homes and businesses have been preserved and lend to it a reputation as a place

1 that treasures its past and respects its roots; and

2 WHEREAS, quality economic growth is a strategic goal of the city, which has  
3 implemented the Economic Development Strategy to focus on business retention and  
4 expansion, and the city has invested heavily in the Minden Airport, which includes over  
5 thirty new T-Hangers and will soon begin construction of a new fuel facility and terminal  
6 building; and

7 WHEREAS, the downtown area of the city is known as one of the most beautiful in  
8 Louisiana, thanks in large part to a collaboration of the residents, business community, and  
9 Downtown Development Board, which is one of the oldest in the state and hosts many  
10 events, including the annual Main to Main event, the Fasching Festival and Parade, the Wrap  
11 it Downtown Christmas project, and the annual Mardi Gras parade; and

12 WHEREAS, the people of Minden are generous in many ways and nothing  
13 demonstrates this more than the four decades of raising money for the St. Jude Children's  
14 Research Hospital; and

15 WHEREAS, the Minden St. Jude auction began on KASO 1240 AM radio forty years  
16 ago and has grown to a four-day telethon and raffle that is simultaneously broadcast on the  
17 radio and cable station and since its inception, the community has generously given over  
18 four million dollars to help the hospital care for children suffering with cancer, an amount  
19 that makes Minden's citizens hold the claim of raising more money for St. Jude per capita  
20 than any other city; and

21 WHEREAS, its proud history, thriving culture, dedication to modern growth and  
22 development, and the loving generosity of its people have made Minden, Louisiana, a great  
23 place to live, work, and visit.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
25 does hereby commend the city of Minden its many accomplishments and for its efforts  
26 raising money for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
28 mayor of the city of Minden, Tommy Davis.

