

2022 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Elizabeth "Ellie" Chase Franks on being a 2022 state "Students of the Year" finalist.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Elizabeth "Ellie" Chase Franks on being a 2022 state "Students of the Year" finalist.

WHEREAS, in the state's annual "Students of the Year" competition, the Louisiana Department of Education selects students representing traditional public, public charter, and nonpublic schools as finalists for the coveted title; and

WHEREAS, students compete with their peers at the school system level and may advance to the regional competitions. Students are selected based on academic achievement, leadership skills, character, and service to their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, regional selection committees also use electronic portfolios of accomplishments, along with student writing samples, and interviews to assess the communication and critical thinking skills of each candidate; and

WHEREAS, prior to selecting the three state winners, the state selection committee will conduct interviews and review portfolios and writing samples from each finalist; and

WHEREAS, for the year 2022, the twenty-one students selected as "Students of the Year" finalists include one elementary, middle, and high school student from each of the state's seven regions; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Ellie" Chase Franks, affectionately known as "Ellie" has

1 been named as a finalist in the 2022 state "Students of the Year" as an eight grade middle
2 school student at St. Joseph Catholic School, Diocese of Shreveport; and

3 WHEREAS, Ellie has maintained an "A" average in all subjects, including conduct
4 since the first grade and currently has a 4.0 grade point average on her eight grade mid-year
5 report card; and

6 WHEREAS, Ellie not only has excelled academically, she also has been a recipient
7 of numerous recognitions and awards from her school, church, and community since 2018
8 when she first became involved in various activities; and

9 WHEREAS, likewise since 2018, Ellie has exuded leadership qualities serving in
10 school organizations, extracurricular, community, and church leadership positions; and

11 WHEREAS, she is known to have a natural talent to communicate well, regardless
12 of age range or background and she has leveraged her talent for communication and interest
13 in service as a volunteer for school and extracurricular groups; and

14 WHEREAS, Ellie has shown evidence of character, leadership, and a willingness to
15 learn thereby making her the perfect school representative candidate for "Students of the
16 Year"; and

17 WHEREAS, Ellie embodies all the qualities and characteristics of an exemplary
18 student making her the absolute right choice to represent St. Joseph Catholic School as the
19 2022 "Students of the Year"; and

20 WHEREAS, at the impressionable age of thirteen, Ellie understands that through the
21 journey of life, every person is faced with choices and every choice has consequences; and

22 WHEREAS, Ellie chooses to find knowledge in her choices and to learn the lesson
23 of every choice; and

24 WHEREAS, Ellie has managed to turn into successes the personal tragedies which
25 she has experienced during her thirteen short years; and

26 WHEREAS, Ellie chooses to live by three words which her dad always impressed
27 upon her, "Finish out strong"; and

28 WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Ellie" Chase Franks by representing St. Joseph Catholic
29 School as a finalist in the 2022 state "Students of the Year", demonstrates indeed how she
30 did "Finish out strong".

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 commend Elizabeth "Ellie" Chase Franks on being a 2022 state students of the year finalist.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
4 Elizabeth "Ellie" Chase Franks and St. Joseph Catholic School.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

DIGEST

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