

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 176

BY SENATOR BARROW

AMUSEMENTS/SPORTS. Commends the Baton Rouge area students and instructors for competing in and winning martial arts tournaments throughout Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the Baton Rouge area students and instructors for competing  
3 in and winning martial arts tournaments throughout Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, students and instructors of martial arts training develop the mental  
5 attitudes and moral characteristics of discipline, confidence, respect, persistence,  
6 self-control, and sportsmanship; and

7 WHEREAS, the students and instructors train year round on a weekly basis to be able  
8 to participate in either the beginners, intermediate, or advanced categories at tournaments;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, competing in martial arts allow students and instructors to employ a  
11 variety of skills or practices; and

12 WHEREAS, competing in martial arts also allows students and instructors to push  
13 the limits of their potential, knowing that their skills and abilities will be tested in front of  
14 a crowd of spectators; and

15 WHEREAS, some matches in competition commonly last about two minutes, to a  
16 decision, if neither contestant has scored a clean "K" point in the estimation of the judges;  
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18 WHEREAS, the students and instructors may also participate in contests of form in

1 which single competitors may perform predetermined series of movements simulating  
2 defense and counterattack against several opponents; and

3 WHEREAS, the tournaments, consisting of the Big Show Karate Tournament in  
4 Lafayette, LA, the Crescent City Kumite Tournament in New Orleans, LA, and the  
5 Louisiana State National Karate, Tae Kwon Do/Kung-Fu Championships, attracted  
6 competitors from all over the world in which the Baton Rouge area students and instructors  
7 competed against; and

8 WHEREAS, the students and instructors performed at the highest level of athletic  
9 excellence throughout the tournaments and each of them deserves recognition for their vital  
10 contributions to hard work, dedication and perseverance for a winning effort; and

11 WHEREAS, instructors Great Grand Master Robert A. Christy Jr., (10th degree black  
12 belt), Grand Master Larry Billingslea, and Errol Taylor, (3rd degree black belt), have  
13 instilled an ethic of winning and demonstrated the kind of leadership and motivational skills  
14 needed to produce winners both on and off the mat; and

15 WHEREAS, the students and instructors have earned well-deserved accolades  
16 throughout the tournaments for extraordinary athletic abilities they have displayed,  
17 particularly at the most difficult level of competition.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
19 does hereby commend and congratulate the Baton Rouge area students and instructors for  
20 competing in and winning martial arts tournaments throughout Louisiana.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
22 students and instructors.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alana M. Perrin.

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