

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 176

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, some matches in competition commonly last about two minutes, to a decision, if neither contestant has scored a clean "K" point in the estimation of the judges; and

WHEREAS, the students and instructors may also participate in contests of form in which single competitors may perform predetermined series of movements simulating defense and counterattack against several opponents; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE