

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Braxton Whitesell on being named reserve champion of the Hondo Rodeo Fest in New Orleans, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Braxton Whitesell, a proud resident of the city of Walker in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, has demonstrated exceptional talent, discipline, and determination in the sport of rodeo; and

WHEREAS, Braxton has distinguished himself as a dedicated athlete and representative of his community through years of hard work and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Braxton has compiled an extraordinary list of accomplishments in high school rodeo, including being crowned champion bull rider at the International Finals Youth Rodeo in 2025; placing sixth in bull riding at the 2025 National High School Finals Rodeo, as well as qualifying in 2022, 2023, and 2024; winning three Mississippi High School Rodeo Association bull riding championships, two Mississippi High School Rodeo Association saddle bronc riding championships, and being named the 2025 Tri-State Rodeo High School Champion; and

WHEREAS, Braxton Whitesell has also excelled at the professional level through the Professional Cowboys Rodeo Association, currently sitting ninth in the world standings, leading the Resistol Rookie of the year all-around standings, placing second in the Resistol Rookie of the Year bull riding competition, earning first place at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Rookie Rally and the Brighton Field Days Festival Extreme Bulls event, and earning third place at the Dixie National Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, Braxton Whitesell earned the prestigious title of reserve champion at the Hondo Rodeo Fest in New Orleans, Louisiana, one of the region's most competitive and respected rodeo events; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable achievement brings great pride and recognition to Livingston Parish and the city of Walker, showcasing the strength, character, skill, and perseverance of its young athletes; and

WHEREAS, Braxton's success serves as an inspiration to others, reflecting the values of faith, hard work, and determination instilled through his family, education, and community; and

WHEREAS, Braxton represents the city of Walker and Livingston Parish with excellence and distinction through his outstanding accomplishment as reserve champion of the 2026 Hondo Rodeo Fest in New Orleans, Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Braxton Whitesell on earning the title of reserve champion at the 2026 Hondo Rodeo Fest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Braxton Whitesell.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE