

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY SENATOR CROWE AND REPRESENTATIVE CROMER

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Jon Mitchell of Pearl River High School for being named 2013 "Student of the Year".

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Jon Mitchell, a Pearl River High School senior, upon being named Louisiana's
3 2013 High School Student of the Year.

4 WHEREAS, Jon Mitchell, son of Mack and Salome Mitchell, was initially named
5 St. Tammany Parish's high school senior of the year and was subsequently named the
6 regional high school student of the year; and

7 WHEREAS, Jon will graduate from Pearl River High School in May with a weighted
8 grade-point average of over four point five; and

9 WHEREAS, Jon achieved an impressive score of thirty on the American College
10 Test (ACT) and his high school activities included membership in the National Beta Club,
11 Writers' Club, and the Media Club; and

12 WHEREAS, while excelling academically in high school, Jon participated in four
13 stage productions and wrote poetry as a member of the student writer's club; and

14 WHEREAS, Jon is the recipient of the United States Senate Youth scholarship for
15 Louisiana and will be enrolling in the Honor's College at Louisiana State University in the
16 fall; and

17 WHEREAS, despite his concentration on academics and the arts, Jon has an affinity
18 for science, leading him to an internship as a project manager in the Naval Research Science

1 and Engineering Apprentice Program at the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi during the
2 summer between his junior and senior years in high school; and

3 WHEREAS, during that summer, Jon developed graphic user interface software for
4 the Naval Research Laboratory, for use on submarines, which improves how submarine
5 operators and scientists use undersea data to aid in navigation; and

6 WHEREAS, Jon received recognition for having produced the best abstract naval
7 research developed during his summer internship; and

8 WHEREAS, in college, Jon plans to study computer science with the goal of
9 continuing research aimed at supporting the military and improving national security; and

10 WHEREAS, Jon has served his community by serving as a library volunteer and a
11 math tutor, in addition to being a top-ranked tennis player and attaining the title of a Junior
12 Master Gardener; and

13 WHEREAS, Jon employed his agricultural skills in teaching fellow students how to
14 organically farm vegetables, thus encouraging a healthier lifestyle in all of his classmates;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the student of the year for grades five, eight, and twelve are chosen each
17 year and the winners are graded on criteria, including academic achievement, leadership
18 skills, character, and service to their school and community; and

19 WHEREAS, the finalists for students of the year, in each category of high school
20 student, eighth grader of the year, and fifth grader of the year, were honored at the Louisiana
21 State Museum in an annual ceremony.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 commend Jon Mitchell upon being named Louisiana's 2013 High School Student of the
24 Year.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jon
26 Mitchell and his parents in River Ridge.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary D. O'Brien.

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