

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 160

BY SENATORS BROOME AND WARD

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Kendall Beckwith on being selected as one of the "Elite Five" to receive The Watkins Award by The National Alliance of African American Athletes.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Kendall Beckwith on being named one of the "Elite Five"
3 selected to receive the 2013 Watkins Award by The National Alliance of African
4 American Athletes.

5 WHEREAS, The National Alliance of African American Athletes was founded in
6 1989 with the vision of being the preeminent organization helping youth achieve academic
7 excellence and reach their highest potential; and

8 WHEREAS, the mission of the alliance is to uplift and mentor youth, focusing on
9 African-American males, through programs that prepare students for college; leveraging
10 athletes as catalysts to inspire leadership, while recognizing and rewarding academic,
11 athletic, and community excellence; and

12 WHEREAS, The Franklin D. Watkins Memorial Trophy Award was initiated in 1992
13 to promote academic excellence among young African-American males as a means for
14 recognizing exceptionally talented African-American male athletes who, by their example,
15 help promote high academic standards and a commitment to community service; and

16 WHEREAS, since 1992, the Watkins Award has become the preeminent award
17 bestowed on the top High School Scholar Athlete in the Nation as the finalists are chosen
18 based on their unweighted grade point average, their personal statements, extracurricular

1 activities, community service, and letters of recommendation; and

2 WHEREAS, at its Awards Ceremony held on February 23th and 24th, 2013, the
3 alliance named its "Elite Five" recipients including Kendall Beckwith of Clinton, Louisiana;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Kendall Beckwith is a member of the National Honor Society, the
6 Honor Roll of America, the Beta Club, and the Future Farmers of America; is a volunteer
7 with the Clinton Community Football League; has been named ESPN Radio Player of the
8 Year, Times Picayune of New Orleans Defensive Player of the Year, All-District, All-State
9 Defensive MVP, All Metro Defensive MVP, and Under Armour All American while also
10 maintaining a 3.4 GPA at East Feliciana High School; and

11 WHEREAS, he is one of the nation's premier outside linebacker prospects for the
12 Class of 2013, one of the top prospects in the state, and a consensus four-star recruit, who
13 was the recipient of the 2012 Warrick Dunn Award, and who has signed to play football at
14 LSU; and

15 WHEREAS, Kendall Beckwith's parents are Wendell and Urhonda Beckwith and he
16 has a brother, Wendell Beckwith Jr., who plays defensive end for Tulane University, and a
17 cousin, Darry Beckwith, who was a two-time second-team All-SEC linebacker at LSU.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana that
19 Kendall Beckwith is hereby recognized and commended on his selection as one of the "Elite
20 Five" recipients of the 2013 Watkins Award by The National Alliance of African American
21 Athletes.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate hereby extends best wishes for
23 continued success to Kendall Beckwith.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 Kendall Beckwith.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

Broome

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