

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 201

BY SENATOR JOHNS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends David Nodier on his volunteer efforts following the devastating earthquakes in Nepal.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend David Nodier on his volunteer efforts following the devastating earthquakes
3 in Nepal.

4 WHEREAS, David Nodier, a twenty-two year old native of Lake Charles, Louisiana,
5 arrived in Nepal in March 2015, to teach English at a Buddhist monastery near the village
6 of Dollu on the outskirts of Kathmandu; and

7 WHEREAS, prior to his arrival in Nepal, he received ten weeks of wilderness
8 training and is a trained emergency medical technician with a wilderness certification; and

9 WHEREAS, on April 25, a devastating earthquake measuring 7.8-magnitude on the
10 Richter scale struck Nepal; and

11 WHEREAS, when the earthquake hit, Mr. Nodier was in Kathmandu, one of the
12 region's most heavily devastated areas; and

13 WHEREAS, more than eight thousand five hundred people were killed and more
14 than twenty-one thousand were injured, and on May 12, a second earthquake, measuring 7.2-
15 magnitude hit killing at least one hundred seventeen people and injuring over two thousand
16 five hundred; and

17 WHEREAS, seeing the damage and devastation firsthand, Mr. Nodier put his training
18 to use and remained in Nepal working with Volunteer Initiative Nepal and the American Red

1 Cross to manage transportation of goods throughout various villages in the area and to
2 identify the areas most in need of aid; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Nodier set up a crowd-funding page through GoFundMe.com to
4 raise money for the humanitarian efforts in Nepal and has raised eight thousand dollars in
5 the past month with a goal to raise fifteen thousand dollars; and

6 WHEREAS, the donations received have provided 30-kilogram sacks of rice, dal, oil,
7 and tarpaulins to various communities, as well as food and medication to an orphanage in
8 Futung, food to a village in Sankhu, tin for a roof in Dakshinkali, and tarpaulins to a few
9 villages in the district of Nuwakot; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Nodier hopes to raise enough money to charter a helicopter and
11 deliver supplies to the most remote and isolated communities; and

12 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
13 and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication
14 of people like David Nodier; and

15 WHEREAS, it is fitting to herald the contributions of Louisiana's accomplished
16 youth like David Nodier, a model citizen who represents the best and brightest of the state.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby commend David Nodier on his valiant and selfless efforts to assist the people
19 of Nepal in the wake of such devastating and catastrophic events.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
21 David Nodier.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.
