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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY REPRESENTATIVES NANCY LANDRY, BARRAS, BISHOP, COUSSAN, EMERSON, TERRY LANDRY, MONTOUCET, AND PIERRE AND SENATORS BOUDREAUX, CORTEZ, MILLS, AND PERRY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Stephen Lutz, of Lafayette, a member of the World Champion Team USA Physically Challenged baseball team.

WHEREAS, born without his left leg below the knee, without toes on his right foot, and with just two full fingers on his pitching hand, Stephen Lutz has not let his disabilities define him; and

WHEREAS, with a prosthetic leg and sheer determination, Stephen excels at the sport of baseball: he was a starting pitcher for Ascension Episcopal High School in Lafayette and finished a season under Coach Lonny Landry with a record of 4-1, an earned run average of 2.96, forty-five strikeouts, and allowed his opponents a batting average of only 0.184; and

WHEREAS, Stephen was a baseball letterman from 2010-2014, made the Academic All-District team in 2013 and 2014, and in his second year of college is a pitcher for the Mississippi College Choctaws in Clinton, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, skateboarding, basketball, weightlifting, and wakeboarding are numbered among Stephen Lutz's many athletic pursuits, and in track, he won three gold medals in the Endeavor Games for the 100-, 200-, and 400-meter runs; and

WHEREAS, the abilities of Stephen Lutz yielded a highly coveted place on the Team USA Physically Challenged baseball team, and in June of 2015, Stephen and his teammates earned a visit to the White House to celebrate their gold medal from the 2014 3rd World Baseball Cup – Physically Challenged Baseball Tournament at the Tajima Dome in Toyooka, Japan; in the tournament, Stephen pitched a 15-3 win against Chinese Taipei, and the Team USA Physically Challenged baseball team went on to defeat Korea, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, and Japan to claim the world title; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Lutz continues to inspire others with his determination to overcome any obstacles he encounters, and his journey is an encouragement to all to strive to live a full and adventurous life; and

WHEREAS, members of the Legislature of Louisiana are filled with pride in the accomplishments of Stephen Lutz and congratulate him for his outstanding accomplishments in the great American sport, baseball.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Stephen Lutz for his awesome abilities in sports; does hereby extend congratulations to Stephen and to Team USA for their championship win in the 2014 3rd World Baseball Cup – Physically Challenged Baseball Tournament; and does hereby express best wishes for unfettered success in every endeavor he undertakes in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Stephen Lutz.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE