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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Porter May of Shreveport on being named as Private School Middle School Student of the Year for 2016.

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Shreveport eighth-grader, Porter May, upon selection as Private School Middle School Student of the Year for 2016 and to recognize his extraordinary accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the energy, intelligence, and achievement of Porter May, a dynamic young student from the First Baptist Church School (FBCS) of Shreveport, who has demonstrated superb acumen in academic achievement, leadership ability, community service, good character, and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, middle school finalists for the Student of the Year competition are chosen from nominees representing all six regions of the state and composed of both public and private school students; the process requires submission of a resume of accomplishments, samples of essay writings, and interviews conducted by selection committee members who assess the communication and critical-thinking skills of each candidate; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the regional competition, Porter May was named "Private School Middle School Student of the Year" among the non-public school nominees and qualified as a finalist in the statewide competition for Middle School Student of the Year

1	sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Education, and
2	WHEREAS, on April 13, 2016, the finalists were announced and recognized at an
3	awards ceremony held at the Louisiana State Museum in Baton Rouge; and
4	WHEREAS, Porter has acquired numerous accolades for his academic endeavors that
5	include a scholarship from the National Junior Honor Society, and he has participated in
6	various extracurricular activities as president of the Patriot Promise Service Club, vice
7	president of the FBCS Student Council, and as a member of the Leadership Team of the
8	Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and
9	WHEREAS, Porter has a much lighter side that embraces participation in school
10	musical productions and team sports such as basketball; and
11	WHEREAS, as a volunteer, Porter takes an active role in a variety of organizations
12	and activities that promote community stewardship such as Providence House, Lighthouse
13	After School Program as a tutor, the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank, Operation Christmas
14	Child, Maggie Lee for Good, the Gingerbread House, Holy Angels, and the Susan G. Komen
15	Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation; and
16	WHEREAS, Porter May challenges himself to achieve and grow as an individual;
17	as an active member of Boy Scouts of America since fifth grade, he holds the elected
18	position of Senior Patrol Leader and the rank of Star; achievement of Eagle Scout is just two
19	ranks away; and
20	WHEREAS, Porter is the son of Brooks and Mary Emily May, who, along with a
21	younger sister, Elizabeth, are members of First Methodist Church of Shreveport and together
22	the family fulfilled a missionary trip to Peru; and
23	WHEREAS, Porter May is an especially gifted young man who acts as a model
24	student; he seeks out opportunities to inspire Louisiana youth, sets goals, works hard, and
25	generates enthusiasm among his peers to live up to their full potential; and
26	WHEREAS, his future plans include enrollment at C. E. Byrd High School next fall,
27	and pursuit of an advanced collegiate degree in either finance or medicine; and
28	WHEREAS, the future prosperity of the state of Louisiana, the strength of its
29	communities, and the overall vitality of American society are in great measure dependent
30	upon extraordinary young men like Porter May who lead by example; and

1	WHEREAS, Porter's visionary leadership exemplifies integrity, character,
2	inspiration, imagination, civility, and service, as delineated in a quote from John Quincy
3	Adams, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become
4	more, you are a leader"; and
5	WHEREAS, Porter May is a talented scholar and citizen with a maturity of mind far
6	beyond his years, who demonstrates a commitment to academic excellence that is truly
7	commendable, and who is most deserving of this recognition.
8	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9	commend and congratulate Porter May of First Baptist Church School of Shreveport, upon
10	selection as the Private School Middle School Student of the Year for 2016; does hereby
11	recognize his singular contributions to the betterment of his school, community, and state;
12	and does hereby extend to him enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride that he brings
13	to his family, school, church, the city of Shreveport, and the state of Louisiana.
14	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby wish
15	for Porter May continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
17	Porter May and Dr. James Gillespie, Head of School for the First Baptist Church School of
18	Shreveport.

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

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