

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 187

BY REPRESENTATIVE TIM BURNS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Kathryn James of Mandeville High School upon her selection as a representative of Louisiana at the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress in Chicago, Illinois.

WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program (HOBY) was established in 1958 by the popular actor, Hugh O'Brian, following a visit to Africa where he was inspired after meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer to create an organization designed to encourage young people to take a leadership role in society and become catalysts for change; and

WHEREAS, in September of each year, HOBY sends nomination materials to every accredited public and private high school in the United States, and each high school is invited to select one sophomore with demonstrated leadership abilities and potential to attend regional spring HOBY seminars; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn James attended the Louisiana Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar held from June 3 through June 5, 2011, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn James was joined in the leadership seminar by one hundred seventeen other young leaders representing their high schools throughout Louisiana, where they discussed the core values of the HOBY organization, including the impact of volunteering in one's community, partnership in community, and an appreciation and need for diversity in today's culture; and

WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress is held every year in conjunction with a major United States university, and the World Leadership Congress brings together young men and women from around the world for a week-long intensive educational leadership conference; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn was chosen to represent Louisiana in the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress being held July 23 to July 30, 2011, at Loyola University Chicago; and

WHEREAS, at the World Leadership Congress, students learn firsthand about other cultures and opinions, form friendships, and exchange ideas in an environment where they can feel comfortable in open discussions with their peers learning to voice how they have shaped and formed their own views about the role of leadership in society; and

WHEREAS, Hugh O'Brian believes the most important thing in education is to teach young people to think for themselves, and the more than three hundred seventy-five thousand HOBY alumni demonstrate how this belief has influenced and inspired young people to become more involved in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress seeks to inspire high school students to excel as leaders using friendship with others as a catalyst for their learning experiences.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Kathryn James upon her selection as a representative of Louisiana at the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress in Chicago, Illinois, and does hereby recognize the pride and honor that this wonderful young woman has brought to her family, friends, school, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kathryn James.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE