

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Tanner Ward for his exemplary compassion as a medical student, leader, and ambassador of LSU Health Shreveport

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Tanner Ward for his exemplary compassion as a medical student, leader, and  
3 ambassador of LSU Health Shreveport.

4 WHEREAS, superior healthcare goes beyond the physical needs of patients by also  
5 serving their social and psychological needs; some individuals are gifted with the ability to  
6 see the needs of others even when those needs are not expressed; and

7 WHEREAS, Tanner Ward is an LSU Health Shreveport medical student from Utah;  
8 he recognized that pediatric patients needed a space while hospitalized to relax and take their  
9 mind off their illness, and he began various community outreach programs to address his  
10 concerns; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward co-founded the Pars for Peds Golf Tournament in 2021 with  
12 a goal of raising sufficient funding to create a teen space at the Ochsner LSU Health  
13 Shreveport St. Mary Medical Center; the inaugural Pars for Peds golf tournament raised the  
14 funding required to create a designated teen lounge featuring video and arcade games; and

15 WHEREAS, Pars for Peds, which is held annually, currently has a goal of renovating  
16 a vacated atrium space at St. Mary Medical Center to incorporate a putting green that allows  
17 pediatric patients to feel like they are outdoors while getting exercise and sunshine indoors;  
18 the atrium now offers evening movies for hospitalized pediatric patients and their families  
19 and care givers; and

20 WHEREAS, Tanner also started a Cancer Survivor Walking Group for cancer  
21 patients at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center in Shreveport to address their need for social

1 interaction and development of healthy lifestyles; the first Cancer Survivor Walk in 2021  
2 attracted over one hundred walkers and a dozen vendors who provided goods and services  
3 to cancer patients; and

4 WHEREAS, the funds raised by the Cancer Survivor Walk supports the Cancer  
5 Survivorship Program at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center which provides mental health  
6 coaching, meal prep and nutritional guidance, massage therapy, membership at the YWCA  
7 Thriver's Program, and wellness coaching; and

8 WHEREAS, the third annual Cancer Survivorship Walk-a-thon welcomed over two  
9 hundred fifty attendees including cancer survivors from throughout north Louisiana, their  
10 families, caregivers, medical and allied health students, and staff of area cancer centers; and

11 WHEREAS, Tanner Ward, who will receive a medical doctorate degree on May 18,  
12 2024, has proven himself to be an exemplary medical student, leader, and ambassador of  
13 LSU Health Shreveport by caring for patients beyond their physical needs and will  
14 undoubtedly be a remarkable physician.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tanner Ward for his exemplary compassion  
17 as a medical student, leader, and ambassador of LSU Health Shreveport and does hereby  
18 extend sincere gratitude to Mr. Ward for his remarkable leadership and organizational skills  
19 which have resulted in countless positive impacts on pediatric cancer patients and their  
20 families.

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#### DIGEST

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Commends Tanner Ward for his exemplary comportment as a medical student, leader, and ambassador of LSU Health Shreveport.