Regular Session, 2011

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

## BY REPRESENTATIVE AUBERT

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Hakeem Brooks of St. Amant High School upon his selection as a
3	representative of Louisiana at the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress in
4	Chicago, Illinois.
5	WHEREAS, Hakeem Brooks attended the Louisiana Hugh O'Brian Youth
6	Leadership Seminar held from June 3 through June 5, 2011, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and
7	WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program (HOBY) was established
8	in 1958 by popular actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired
9	after meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer to create an organization designed to encourage
10	young people to take a leadership role in society and become catalysts for change; and
11	WHEREAS, Hakeem Brooks was joined in the leadership seminar by one hundred
12	seventeen other young leaders representing their high schools throughout Louisiana, where
13	they discussed the core values of the HOBY organization, including the impact of
14	volunteering in one's community, partnership in community, and an appreciation and need
15	for diversity in today's culture; and
16	WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress is held every year in
17	conjunction with a major United States university and brings together young men and
18	women from around the world for a week-long intensive educational leadership conference;
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20	WHEREAS, Hakeem Brooks was chosen as an alternate to represent Louisiana in
21	the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress being held July 23 thru July 30, 2011, at
22	Loyola University Chicago; and
23	WHEREAS, in September of each year, HOBY sends nomination materials to every
24	accredited public and private high school in the United States, and each high school is

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1	invited to select one sophomore with demonstrated leadership abilities and potential to
2	attend regional spring HOBY seminars; and
3	WHEREAS, at the World Leadership Congress, students learn firsthand about other
4	cultures and opinions, form friendships, and exchange ideas in an environment where they
5	can feel comfortable in open discussions with their peers and learn to voice how they have
6	shaped and formed their own views about the role of leadership in society; and
7	WHEREAS, Hugh O'Brian believes the most important thing in education is to teach
8	young people to think for themselves, and more than three hundred seventy-five thousand
9	HOBY alumni demonstrate how this belief has influenced and inspired young people to
10	become more involved in their communities; and
11	WHEREAS the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress seeks to inspire high
12	school students to excel as leaders using friendship with others as a catalyst for their learning
13	experience.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Hakeem Brooks of St.
16	Amant High School upon his selection as a representative of Louisiana at the Hugh O'Brian
17	World Leadership Congress in Chicago, Illinois, and does hereby recognize the pride and
18	honor that this wonderful young man has brought to his family, friends, school, community,

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and state.

to Hakeem Brooks.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted