

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the members of 1912 Combustion, Northshore High School's FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics team.

WHEREAS, FIRST is a nonprofit entity that designs accessible, innovative programs that motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math while building self-confidence, knowledge, and life skills; and

WHEREAS, Northshore High School's FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics team, 1912 Combustion, was established in the fall of 2005 by a small group of seniors; and

WHEREAS, since then, the team has expanded into a diverse family of mentoring professionals and enthusiastic students from all grades; and

WHEREAS, every student on the team learns vital science, engineering, and real-life skills, and the challenging task of building a functioning, effective robot within six weeks challenges students to communicate, cooperate, and function as a team; and

WHEREAS, at the Bayou Regional competition in March of 2012, the team won the Website Award for the second consecutive year, and for the third consecutive year, the team won the Chairman's Award, which is the most competitive award given by FIRST and is granted to a team that displays all-around excellence and dedication in sharing science and technology with its community; and

WHEREAS, winning this award gave the team the opportunity to participate in the international competition in St. Louis, Missouri, in April of 2012, where the team placed forty-second in its division out of four hundred one teams competing, and where Rachel Holladay, the controls captain and webmaster, was one of only ten students in the entire competition to win the extremely prestigious National Dean's List Award; and

WHEREAS, this team consistently performs at the highest level of excellence, and its intrepid members deserve recognition for their vital contributions to the team's success; and

WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the team could not be achieved without the guidance and skills of Tiffany Swalm, the team's faculty sponsor, as well as all of the other individuals who contribute to the success of the school's robotics program; and

WHEREAS, the entire Northshore family recognizes the immense pride and distinguished honor that the members of 1912 Combustion bring to their school, to the city of Slidell, and to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the members of 1912 Combustion, Northshore High School's FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics team, upon their extraordinary achievements and does hereby extend best wishes to the team members and everyone involved with this fine program as they celebrate their memorable and historic accomplishments and prepare for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tiffany Swalm.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES