

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 183

BY REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP

A RESOLUTION

To commend Laura Elizabeth Lipari upon her selection as the Louisiana/Mississippi chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society 2014 Girl of the Year.

WHEREAS, Laura is a survivor of childhood cancer, and it is appropriate to commend her upon her selection as the Louisiana/Mississippi chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society 2014 Girl of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Laura was diagnosed with acute lymphoblast leukemia on February 4, 2011, underwent intensive chemotherapy treatments for two years and four months, and is now cancer free; and

WHEREAS, Laura got sick during her kindergarten year of school and was home schooled until 2012 but finished first grade with her class at St. Edward School; and

WHEREAS, Laura recently completed the second grade with an A/B average and will start the third grade this fall; and

WHEREAS, Laura has raised money to help upgrade a local animal shelter and has raised over \$80,000 to establish a grant in her name to help fund research to fight childhood leukemia; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her strength, tenacity, and resilience, Laura was selected as the Louisiana/Mississippi chapter of Leukemia and Lymphoma Society 2014 Girl of the Year and accepted the honor on April 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in honor of her inspirational bravery, compassion, and unbreakable spirit, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society established the Laura Lipari Research Grant; and

WHEREAS, this grant will be awarded in the name of Laura Lipari to an exceptional organization that aids in the advancement of research in the field of acute lymphoblast leukemia, the most common form of childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, Laura's constant grace and silent courage throughout her prolonged treatments and struggles has served as an inspiration to all who know and love her; and

WHEREAS, Laura merits the highest measure of respect, honor, and praise for her spirit and determination.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Laura Elizabeth Lipari upon her selection as the Louisiana/Mississippi chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society 2014 Girl of the Year, does hereby record for posterity the tremendous joy that she brings to her friends and family, her community, and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend to her best wishes for health and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Laura Elizabeth Lipari.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES