

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 279

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRESSLY

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Jaylen Pruiett on being named a 2023 Gates Scholar

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Jaylen Pruiett on being named a 2023 Gates Scholar.

3 WHEREAS, Jaylen Pruiett is a distinguished scholar and graduate of Captain Shreve  
4 High School who was recently named a 2023 Gates Scholar after participating in the Bobbie  
5 Cates Hicks Science and Medicine Academic Research Training (SMART) program; and

6 WHEREAS, at the SMART program, Jaylen interned under the guidance of  
7 Dr. Diana Cruz-Topete at Louisiana State University at Shreveport to study "Sex Differences  
8 in the Effects of Mental Stress on Myocardial Infarction"; Building our Regions Future of  
9 Shreveport initially launched the SMART program for a small number of academically  
10 advanced high school seniors from Caddo, Bossier, and DeSoto parishes to provide a year-  
11 long research experience; it is funded by donations from the late Bobbie Cates Hicks, the  
12 Bruce J. Heim Foundation, the Community Foundation of North Louisiana's Give for Good  
13 donors, the Community Foundation of North Louisiana's William C. Woolf Fund, and the  
14 Magale Foundation; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Pruiett was one of seven hundred fifty-nine American students who  
16 were selected out of fifty-one thousand applicants for the prestigious and highly-selective  
17 scholarship, which is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; as a 2023 Gates  
18 Scholar, he has displayed outstanding academic achievement and exceptional personal  
19 success skills and demonstrated leadership ability; and

20 WHEREAS, at Captain Shreve High School, Jaylen was involved in numerous  
21 extracurricular activities including the Louisiana Association of Student Councils, Top

1 Teens of America, Captain Shreve Student Council, Key Club, Youth Advocacy Team, Mu  
2 Alpha Theta, National Honors Society, Black Studies Association, and the Fellowship of  
3 Christian Athletes; and

4 WHEREAS, Jaylen is a founding member of Swamp Medics, which is the largest  
5 club at Captain Shreve High School, with more than one hundred fifty members; he is a truly  
6 inspiring young man who is deserving of the highest recognition for his outstanding  
7 achievements.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jaylen Pruiett on being named a 2023 Gates  
10 Scholar and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his  
11 endeavors.

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