

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARPENTER, STEVE CARTER, DAVIS, EDMONDS,
JAMES, AND SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Next Generation Pioneers for the group's community-building activities
in Baton Rouge.

WHEREAS, the Next Generation Pioneers (NGP) is a group of about thirty young
black men working to improve their surroundings and support each other as they build
careers in the capitol city; and

WHEREAS, members are working to improve their community from the inside; they
read to elementary school children, mentor high school students, preach persistence, and
stress the importance of soft skills, such as being on time, working with others, and having
a positive attitude; and

WHEREAS, other group activities include giving away turkeys at Thanksgiving,
partnering with an organization to clothe the homeless, and attending Metro Council
meetings when north Baton Rouge health care issues were discussed; members often meet
in downtown Baton Rouge for early morning runs as a sign of dedication; and

WHEREAS, part of NGP's philosophy is to urge black people to invest in their own
neighborhoods and to promote business and entrepreneurship among young people; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the pioneers began promoting small, black-owned businesses
in north Baton Rouge by choosing a business to support for an entire month, during which
each member commits to patronizing the business at least once; each member signs a poster
board when they visit, and at the end of the month, the group presents it to the business
owner; and

WHEREAS, the Next Generation Pioneers are hosting their third annual gala this spring to honor local community leaders; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Next Generation Pioneers is personally investing his time, his gifts, and his life in connecting with young people in ways that will transform their lives and build a better community for all of us.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Next Generation Pioneers for its pioneering work in nurturing strength and vitality in the next generation and does hereby offer best wishes for a successful 2018 gala.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dezmion Barrow, the founder of Next Generation Pioneers.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES