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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD, BOYD, FREEMAN, HUGHES, KNOX, MANDIE
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A RESOLUTION

To commend STEM NOLA Fellow Naya Ellis on her selection as a 2024 Champion in the
National STEM Challenge.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend STEM NOLA Fellow Naya Ellis, who has
been selected as a champion of the National STEM Challenge; and

WHEREAS, Naya is a ninth grader at John F. Kennedy High School; and

WHEREAS, the National STEM Challenge invited students in grades six through
twelve from across the United States and its territories to conceive and submit STEM
innovations, inventions, and research; 2,549 student entries from across fifty states and U.S.
territories were submitted; ultimately, one hundred twenty-six stand-out students were
selected as National STEM Champions and will have the opportunity to showcase their
projects at the National STEM Festival in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Calvin Mackie, Founder of STEM NOLA, said, "I am thrilled to
witness the incredible achievements of our STEM NOLA Fellows, Naya Ellis and Jayden
Hall, as they emerge as champions in the National STEM Challenge. Their innovative
projects exemplify the transformative power of STEM education. These young minds not
only showcase exceptional creativity but also embody the spirit of problem-solving that is
crucial for the future"; and

WHEREAS, the achievement of being selected as a STEM NOLA fellow and
champion is truly impressive, and Naya Ellis is most deserving of recognition for her hard
work and intellect.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend STEM NOLA Fellow Naya Ellis, who has
been selected as a champion of the National STEM Challenge.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES