

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY SENATOR CROWE AND REPRESENTATIVE CROMER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Jon Mitchell, a Pearl River High School senior, upon being named Louisiana's 2013 High School Student of the Year.

WHEREAS, Jon Mitchell, son of Mack and Salome Mitchell, was initially named St. Tammany Parish's high school senior of the year and was subsequently named the regional high school student of the year; and

WHEREAS, Jon will graduate from Pearl River High School in May with a weighted grade-point average of over four point five; and

WHEREAS, Jon achieved an impressive score of thirty on the American College Test (ACT), and his high school activities included membership in the National Beta Club, Writers' Club, and the Media Club; and

WHEREAS, while excelling academically in high school, Jon participated in four stage productions and wrote poetry as a member of the student writer's club; and

WHEREAS, Jon is the recipient of the United States Senate Youth scholarship for Louisiana and will be enrolling in the Honor's College at Louisiana State University in the fall; and

WHEREAS, despite his concentration on academics and the arts, Jon has an affinity for science, leading him to an internship as a project manager in the Naval Research Science and Engineering Apprentice Program at the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi during the summer between his junior and senior years in high school; and

WHEREAS, during that summer, Jon developed graphic user interface software for the Naval Research Laboratory, for use on submarines, which improves how submarine operators and scientists use undersea data to aid in navigation; and

WHEREAS, Jon received recognition for having produced the best abstract naval research developed during his summer internship; and

WHEREAS, in college, Jon plans to study computer science with the goal of continuing research aimed at supporting the military and improving national security; and

WHEREAS, Jon has served his community by serving as a library volunteer and a math tutor, in addition to being a top-ranked tennis player and attaining the title of a Junior Master Gardener; and

WHEREAS, Jon employed his agricultural skills in teaching fellow students how to organically farm vegetables, thus encouraging a healthier lifestyle in all of his classmates; and

WHEREAS, the student of the year for grades five, eight, and twelve are chosen each year and the winners are graded on criteria, including academic achievement, leadership skills, character, and service to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, the finalists for students of the year, in each category of high school student, eighth grader of the year, and fifth grader of the year, were honored at the Louisiana State Museum in an annual ceremony.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jon Mitchell upon being named Louisiana's 2013 High School Student of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jon Mitchell and his parents in River Ridge.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES