

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY SENATOR DONAHUE AND REPRESENTATIVE CROMER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Team 1912 of Northshore High School upon winning the FIRST Robotics Regional Chairman's Award.

WHEREAS, FIRST, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, was founded in 1989 by engineer, inventor, and entrepreneur Dean Kamen; and

WHEREAS, FIRST is a nonprofit public charity, which designs accessible, innovative programs that motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math, while building self-confidence, knowledge, and life skills; and

WHEREAS, the FIRST Robotics competition is a distinctive style sport designed to challenge the mind in order to foster a love for science and engineering in young adults; and

WHEREAS, worldwide teams must apply principles of engineering to fulfill contest goals devised by Dean Kamen, Woodie Flowers, and other engineers; and

WHEREAS, each competition is unique with its own challenges to overcome, including a six-week build period in which brainstorming, development, and testing that must occur; and

WHEREAS, skilled engineering mentors and enthusiastic students work together, to nurture a phenomenally high amount of sportsmanship through philosophies known as gracious professionalism and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Northshore High School's FIRST Robotics Team, located in Slidell, Louisiana, was established in the fall of 2005; and

WHEREAS, the FIRST Robotics Team, called Team 1912, has grown from a group of seniors into a family of students of all grade levels and mentors; and

WHEREAS, 2006 was the first participatory year for Team 1912 that overcame numerous obstacles of a rookie team; and

WHEREAS, after attending the Lone Star Regional competition in Houston, Texas, Team 1912 presented a successful robot and was awarded the Gracious Professionalism Award; and

WHEREAS, after much hard work, Team 1912 also earned the Rockwell Automation in Control Award; and

WHEREAS, after attending the national competition in Atlanta, Georgia Team 1912 was selected as a NASA House Team for the Stennis Space Center; and

WHEREAS, Team 1912 became Team Combustion performing community outreach, mentoring a FIRST Lego League Team called the Bonne Ecole Robostars, and hosted the BLAST's Jumpstart Build; and

WHEREAS, Team 1912 has also built robots named Rex, Nutcracker, Pyro, Blue Steel, T-Rex of Doom and Stryker; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Bayou Regional competition held in New Orleans, Louisiana, found Team 1912 winning the Regional Chairman's Award, the most prestigious award given by FIRST Robotics; and

WHEREAS, Team 1912 is the only Louisiana team to win the Chairman's Award, reaching a major goal in further inspiring young people to become more involved in science and technology.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Team 1912 of Northshore High School, for winning the First Robotics Regional Chairman's Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Team 1912 of Northshore High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES