

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 185

BY SENATOR GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Benton Middle School for earning the first-ever national championship in the 2016 National Archery in Schools Program national tournament.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Benton Middle School for earning the first-ever national championship  
3 representing Louisiana in the 2016 National Archery in Schools Program national  
4 tournament.

5 WHEREAS, the students of Benton Middle School in Benton, Louisiana participated  
6 in the 2016 National Archery in Schools Program national tournament in Louisville,  
7 Kentucky, on May 12 through 14, where two hundred six middle school teams from all over  
8 the country competed for the first time in this national event; and

9 WHEREAS, Benton Middle School's team was led by eighth graders Aidan Haire,  
10 who finished tenth in the boys middle school division, and Abbie Rutledge, who finished  
11 fifteenth in the girls middle school division; and

12 WHEREAS, the middle school team scored a total of thirty four hundred four points  
13 winning the championship by a slim margin of only eight points over Pulaski Northern  
14 Middle School of Kentucky; and

15 WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 Benton Middle School archery team members are: Trip  
16 Armer, Lauren Bayne, Lake Bradford, Emma Bunch, Logan Cook, Emily Croall, Landon  
17 Crouch, Riley Daniels, Dalton Diel, Brady Duncan, Josh Farris, Kelton Fowler, Kendall  
18 Fowler, Tucker Gibbs, Aden Gilcrease, Aidan Haire, Averie Halverston, Nathan Hardin,

1 Alisha Huffman, Haley Huffman, Conrad Johnson, Emory Kiser, Colby Leeper, Amber  
2 Long, Kaitlyn Masters, Kaitlyn Misenheimer, Anna Robins, Abbie Rutledge, Tahlor Walker,  
3 and Trey Winkler, all under the direction of coaches Terrie Streetman and Jessica Benoit;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the Benton Middle School team claimed a world title at last year's world  
6 tournament, a year before the national tournament was instituted, and the team is eligible to  
7 take part in the National Archery in Schools Program World Tournament in Myrtle Beach,  
8 South Carolina, on June 24 through 26, 2016; and

9 WHEREAS, the archery team has been training, practicing, and participating in  
10 meets throughout the school year with the goal of competing and winning the first-ever  
11 national archery title; and

12 WHEREAS, nearly two hundred Louisiana student archers from fourteen schools  
13 participated in the state tournament in March, and nearly thirteen thousand students from  
14 across the nation competed for a chance to represent their states at the national tournament;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the Benton Middle School archery team participates in Archery in  
17 Louisiana Schools, a program of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources that offers  
18 grants to purchase a portion of the equipment necessary for schools to participate in the  
19 National Archery in Schools Program curriculum; and

20 WHEREAS, the National Archery in Schools Program is a target archery program  
21 designed to achieve specific education and conservation purposes, it is designed to be taught  
22 during the school day in the school gymnasium, and is highly standardized to maintain  
23 archery's record of exceptional safety; and

24 WHEREAS, the National Archery in Schools Program for students in grades four  
25 through twelve has two specific goals, first to improve student motivation, behavior,  
26 attendance, and focus in relation to education while seeking to encourage students to spend  
27 more time in the outdoors and to learn outdoor skills that will inspire them to spend more  
28 time with wild things in wild places.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
30 does hereby commend Benton Middle School for earning the first-ever national

