SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 186

BY SENATORS BOUDREAUX AND MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To commend TM Landry College Preparatory School, its founders, and students.

WHEREAS, TM Landry College Preparatory School is located in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, and was founded in 2005 by Mike and Tracey Landry; and

WHEREAS, Mike and Tracey Landry founded TM Landry College Preparatory School after realizing that their children needed a more effective instructional model than public schools were able to offer; and

WHEREAS, they started their own home school in a garage and currently enroll one hundred seventy-five students in its open-air building that formerly housed a fabrication facility; and

WHEREAS, TM Landry College Preparatory School is an independent, coeducational year-round college prep school for intellectual, "out-of-the-box" thinkers who want to pursue a serious, purposeful education, with the ultimate goal of achieving success in college and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the students bring their own lunch and their parents drive them to school early each day and pick them up at "Dark Thirty" as the school day winds down and the sun sets; and

WHEREAS, the model for instruction is a flexible, Montessori college readiness program that takes into account the individual needs of the student; and

WHEREAS, there are no textbooks, no homework, and no specific class schedule; and

WHEREAS, students from kindergarten to high school work together and tutor each other to achieve mastery of their subjects with the 'itty bitties' learning economic and government principals right alongside the older high school students; and

WHEREAS, students must achieve a score of ninety percent or higher before they

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can move on and build upon a solid base of skills as they master intense subjects such as Mandarin, Latin, Hindi, Arabic, Calculus, and Physics, among others; and

WHEREAS, students attending TM Landry College Preparatory School scored an average of twenty-four on the ACT exam in 2014-2015 and an average of twenty-seven in 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, the graduation rate at TM Landry Preparatory School is one hundred percent with dual enrollment courses and acceptance to four-year colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, graduates of TM Landry College Preparatory School have been awarded more than nineteen million dollars in scholarships; and

WHEREAS, graduates of TM Landry College Preparatory School have been accepted to such prestigious institutions of higher learning as Harvard University, Yale University, Princeton University, Dartmouth College, Wellesley College, Syracuse University, Tulane University, Wesleyan University, Brown University, Stanford University, and Columbia University, among others; and

WHEREAS, students graduating in 2018 are Codey Babineaux, Jada Wiltz, Blake Rabalais, Troy Greene, Kayla Amos, Dewellyn Howard, Aliko LeBlanc, James Dennis, Kamon Leday, Asja Jackson, Aryton Little, Alex Little, Treston Egby, and Jerondrus Maz; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, TM Landry College Preparatory School has been dedicated to promoting each child's self worth and dignity in a supportive, educational, and safe environment while preparing them to prosper and flourish in a culturally diverse, technological society, while achieving the goal that every child not only gets into college but gets through it as well.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend TM Landry College Preparatory School, its founders, and students for promoting and achieving high academic standards, and extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that the students and founders of TM Landry College Preparatory School will forever bring to the Breaux Bridge community, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to TM Landry College Preparatory School.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE