A RESOLUTION

To commend the Kingston Elementary School archery team on winning the Elementary National Championship in the NASP Tournament and finishing fourth in the NASP®/IBO 3-D competition.

WHEREAS, Kingston Elementary School in Benton captured the elementary national championship in the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) National Tournament held in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 10-12; and

WHEREAS, it is the third time a Louisiana school has won a national title as Benton Middle School won in 2016, taking the middle school national championship and Benton Elementary won last year's championship over 179 other schools; and

WHEREAS, Kingston took home this year's championship over 171 other elementary schools; and also finished fourth in the NASP®/IBO 3-D championship; and

WHEREAS, Kingston Elementary School and other Louisiana schools taking part in the NASP® National Tournament are part of the Archery in Louisiana Schools Program (ALAS), administered by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the ALAS Program is part of NASP, designed to teach students in grades 4-12 international target style archery while the NASP®/IBO 3-D program features students shooting life-like 3-D animal targets with the same equipment used in the NASP program; the ALAS/NASP program is available to all schools in Louisiana and grants are available to assist with funding; and

WHEREAS, top ten finishers for Kingston included Spencer Campbell, eighth place in bullseye; Jackson Vickers, 10th place in bullseye; and Gilliana Gonzalez, eighth place in bullseye; and

WHEREAS, a total of 14,139 archers from across the United States competed in the 2018 National Tournament, including 220 from 14 Louisiana schools, and many of these students will move on to compete at the NASP World Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky, on June 7-9; and

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WHEREAS, the amazing accomplishments of the Kingston Elementary School archery team could not have been achieved without the guidance and skills of the coaches and all of the other individuals who have contributed to the success of the archery program; and

WHEREAS, the team performance of the entire Kingston Elementary School archery team in capturing the 2018 Elementary National Championship in the NASP Tournament were earned through teamwork, determination, and dedication to the sport of archery.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Kingston Elementary School archery team on winning the Elementary National Championship in the NASP Tournament and finishing fourth in the NASP®/IBO 3-D competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the principal of Kingston Elementary School.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE