

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 251

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the Destination Imagination team finalists from the Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts upon their first place win at the state competition and on their advancement to the Destination Imagination (DI) Global Finals.

WHEREAS, these young innovators are third, fourth, and fifth graders from the Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts (BRCVPA), a public elementary school and part of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System Magnet Program; and

WHEREAS, the thirteen students who make up the teams of DI competitors took first place at the state competition held March 4, 2018, in Bossier City, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, this was the first DI teams ever to compete from BRCVPA and the only teams from Baton Rouge to be invited to the DI Global Finals; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the DI experience is to produce an enlightening hands-on process of learning that fosters creativity, courage, and curiosity through open-ended academic situations; students learn through experimentation, the creative process, and the application of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) principles; and

WHEREAS, each year Destination Imagination proposes a new set of project-based challenges to an international audience of students from kindergarten to collegiate level; and

WHEREAS, the BRCVPA teams competed in the engineering challenge called "Drop Zone" and the science challenge called "Unlikely Attraction"; and

WHEREAS, in the Drop Zone challenge, students were charged with engineering a structure that could withstand increasing amounts of weight while being dropped from ever-increasing heights, and required the structure remain as light as possible and be incorporated into a dramatic performance; and

WHEREAS, the Unlikely Attraction was a science challenge that required

competitors to imagine a theme park situation that operated in an unexpected place and to populate the park with creative attractions based in science; and

WHEREAS, the advantages of DI challenges are that participants learn 21st Century academic skill sets along with the social skills of patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and their ideas, and the benefits of collaborative efforts in problem-solving; and

WHEREAS, the DI Global Finals held in Knoxville, Tennessee, known as the "World's Largest Celebration of Creativity", will include more than fourteen hundred teams from forty-five states in the USA and fourteen foreign countries, all of which shall compete in STEAM-themed challenges; and

WHEREAS, these competitors gain self-confidence through creativity, critical thinking, team building, problem solving, risk taking, project management, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, the BRCVPA students have used the creative process to turn their ideas into reality and have learned invaluable life skills that are needed to succeed in school, their future careers, and beyond.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Destination Imagination team finalists from the Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts upon advancement to the Destination Imagination Global Finals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Candice Hartley, principal of the Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE