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2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Geaux BIG Baton Rouge at Louisiana State University on its third anniversary.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Geaux BIG Baton Rouge at Louisiana State University on its third
3	anniversary.
4	WHEREAS, Geaux BIG Baton Rouge is a volunteer effort by students at Louisiana
5	State University's Baton Rouge campus seeking to unite LSU students with the surrounding
6	community; and
7	WHEREAS, the Geaux BIG Baton Rouge program is centered on one big day of
8	service by LSU students giving back to their community with their time and talents
9	employed in various local projects aimed at assisting resident neighbors near campus; and
10	WHEREAS, the volunteer efforts of LSU students focuses on actual needs by
11	working on projects identified by Baton Rouge residents and nonprofit organizations and
12	vetted by the Geaux BIG staff as important and worthwhile endeavors in areas near the
13	university; and
14	WHEREAS, Geaux BIG Baton Rouge, in its few years of operation, has worked on
15	projects in Old South Baton Rouge and Mid City, for example, and such project sites have
16	included schools, resident's homes, often improving access, community centers and
17	nonprofit organizations; and
18	WHEREAS, Geaux BIG Baton Rouge is modeled after Texas A&M University's

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1	"Big Event", a well-established program that in 2015 involved nearly twenty thousand Aggie
2	students who worked at two thousand job sites; and
3	WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to heighten awareness in students of the
4	needs of the community beyond campus, impress upon them the impact of volunteer service,
5	and instill in students a commitment to service that will enrich their lives and their
6	community beyond their college years; and
7	WHEREAS, Geaux BIG's inaugural event in April 2013 involved eight hundred and
8	fifty students working at twenty-nine separate project sites in Baton Rouge; and
9	WHEREAS, by 2015, the Geaux BIG one day service event placed thirteen hundred
10	students volunteering at seventy-nine sites, providing nearly ninety thousand dollars worth
11	of improvements at these project sites; and
12	WHEREAS, Geaux BIG Baton Rouge will hold its fourth annual one big day service
13	experience on April 26, 2016, and the organization anticipates significant increases in both
14	the number of students participating and the number of projects; and
15	WHEREAS, in focusing beyond the university and working to enrich the lives of
16	residents near campus and to improve their communities, Geaux BIG Baton Rouge strives
17	to demonstrate the power of volunteer service and the bringing together of neighbors, both
18	core values in Louisiana and in the nation.
19	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20	does hereby commend Geaux BIG Baton Rouge at Louisiana State University on its third
21	anniversary.
22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
23	Alix Perry, Director of Logistics for Geaux BIG Baton Rouge.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.