

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY SENATOR MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Breaux Bridge High School football coaches, Paul Broussard, Brent Angelle, Kevin Bonhomme, John Muder, and Rickey Poulan for their emergency planning, training, preparedness, and actions which saved the life of football player, Tedrick Lewis.

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2011, Breaux Bridge High School's Tedrick Lewis came off the field during the Tigers' spring football scrimmage, grabbed a gulp of water, took a knee to watch his teammates, and, moments later, was sprawled out on the ground, his face buried in the grass; and

WHEREAS, upon observing the fallen player, the Breaux Bridge High School football coaching staff of head coach Paul Broussard, and assistant coaches Brent Angelle, Kevin Bonhomme, John Muder, and Rickey Poulan launched into lifesaver mode; and

WHEREAS, instinct and training immediately took over as the coaches turned Lewis over and began implementing the emergency plan which has been practiced with the school nurses; and

WHEREAS, each coach responded to his individual responsibility, coaches Broussard and Bonhomme giving Lewis CPR, coach Muder raced to the gym to obtain the school's AED (automated external defibrillator) machine, and coaches Angelle and Poulan ushering the remaining players into the gym; and

WHEREAS, when Muder arrived with the AED machine, he took over the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation as Broussard and Bonhomme began to use the defibrillator, and Lewis was revived; and

WHEREAS, the fallen player was conscious as he was air-lifted to the hospital as the coaches followed in their vehicles, each coming to the realization of the magnitude of the incident and being grateful for the perseverance and dedication of the school nurses and principal who put the emergency plan and training in place; and

WHEREAS, Coach Broussard stated that the fact that Breaux Bridge High School had a plan in place and had rehearsed the plan under a similar simulated incident definitely helped save Lewis' life.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends Breaux Bridge High School football coaches, Paul Broussard, Brent Angelle, Kevin Bonhomme, John Muder, and Rickey Poulan for their emergency planning, training, preparedness, and actions which saved the life of Tedrick Lewis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coaches Paul Broussard, Brent Angelle, Kevin Bonhomme, John Muder, and Rickey Poulan, and to the principal of Breaux Bridge High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE