

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY SENATOR ADLEY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Minden St. Jude Auction and recognizes Sanders Machine Works and its employees for their 2014 contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Minden St. Jude Auction and to recognize the owners and employees of
3 Sanders Machine Works for their generous contributions in 2014 to St. Jude
4 Children's Research Hospital.

5 WHEREAS, the Minden St. Jude Auction began in 1976 as a one-day radiothon
6 conceived by the Pete Treat family in conjunction with KASO Radio, Digger O'Dell, and Bo
7 Cook; Mr. Treat's vision was to support the hospital that treated his daughter, Ann, who lost
8 her battle with leukemia; and

9 WHEREAS, the first Minden St. Jude Auction raised \$10,000, an amount far beyond
10 any expectations, and since then the auction has expanded to include a grand prize raffle and
11 items for bid that are donated by the generous residents of Minden and the surrounding
12 communities; and

13 WHEREAS, the Minden St. Jude Auction raised \$1,248,296 in 2014, giving Minden
14 the proud distinction of being the largest per capita giver to St. Jude Children's Research
15 Hospital; in all, the Minden St. Jude Auction has raised more than 12.5 million dollars in the
16 thirty-eight years since its inception and has grown from a one-day event to four days of
17 televised and radio broadcast fundraising; the auction features hundreds of volunteers, a
18 statewide chili cook-off, a 5K/10K race, and a children's fun day following the race; and

1 WHEREAS, over the last several years, schools in Webster Parish have raised more
2 than \$150,000 toward the Minden St. Jude Auction; the auction is a tradition that is now in
3 its third generation of volunteers, and this year the volunteers from Sanders Machine Works
4 deserve a special recognition for their generous contributions; and

5 WHEREAS, at the end of the 2014 5K run, owners Ricky and Diane Sanders and
6 their employees presented a \$10,000 donation to the Minden St. Jude Auction organizers and
7 challenged the winner of the evening's grand prize drawing to donate his winnings to St.
8 Jude Children's Hospital; and

9 WHEREAS, as fate would have it, Sanders Machine Works was the grand prize
10 winner and proudly made good on its own challenge, donating an additional \$50,000 to the
11 Minden St. Jude Auction, bringing the Sanders Machine Works 2014 donation total to
12 \$60,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

13 WHEREAS, the success of the state , the strength of our communities and the overall
14 vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon towns like Minden, dubbed "the
15 small town with a big heart", the Webster Parish community, and people like the owners and
16 employees of Sanders Machine Works, for their incredibly generous efforts toward funding
17 research so that one day, no parent will grieve the loss of a child to the plague of childhood
18 cancer.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20 does hereby commend the organizers and volunteers of the Minden St. Jude Auction for yet
21 another wonderfully successful auction, does hereby offer a special commendation to the
22 owners and employees of Sanders Machine Works for their extraordinary donations towards
23 this worthy cause, does hereby congratulate the Minden St. Jude Auction upon exceeding
24 in 2014 all previous auction fundraising totals, and does hereby express sincere gratitude to
25 Minden auction participants for their financial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research
26 Hospital that help the hospital continue its mission to eradicate childhood cancers.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms.
28 Melissa Brown and Ms. Christie Ruple, Minden St. Jude Auction cochairwomen and Ricky
29 and Diane Sanders of Sanders Machine Works.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

DIGEST

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