

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY SENATOR FIELDS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Tristan Murray Vessel.

WHEREAS, it is with great regret and profound sorrow that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the tragic passing of Tristan Murray Vessel; and

WHEREAS, Tristan was born on September 28, 2004, and departed this life on April 13, 2022, at the age of seventeen; and

WHEREAS, Tristan was a senior at Zachary High School and was set to graduate on May 19, 2022, with a 4.875 GPA; and

WHEREAS, Tristan was known for his academic excellence and athletic prowess; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the National Honor Society, the National Society of High School Scholars, the Zachary High School swim team, and the Tiger Aquatics swim team; and

WHEREAS, Tristan started competitive swimming in 2014 at Americana YMCA in Zachary; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to excellence was demonstrated through his work ethic, where he routinely practiced swimming between eighteen and twenty-two hours per week, and did additional workouts on Sundays when he was not competing; and

WHEREAS, Tristan attended the USA Swimming Southern Zone Diversity Camp at the University of South Carolina and also attended Southern Zone Senior Championships in 2019 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, this school year he was awarded the Zachary High School swim team MVP award, as he set records for Zachary High School in the two hundred yard and five hundred yard freestyle; and

WHEREAS, Tristan had been accepted at University of California San Diego and Louisiana State University, but had ultimately decided to attend the University of Texas at Austin, where he had received a scholarship and planned on majoring in neuroscience and trying out for the swim team; and

WHEREAS, Tristan was committed to diversity and inclusion in swimming and hoped his success would open the sport to more children who had been historically under-represented and dismissed as swimmers; and

WHEREAS, Tristan loved school and academics and enjoyed spending time with his friends and teammates; and

WHEREAS, Tristan will be remembered for his positive and joyful spirit, the kindness and compassion he showed his peers, and his ability to inspire and encourage others.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Tristan Murray Vessel on the occasion of his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his mother, Jennifer Del Murray.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE