

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 175

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend Diane B. Stallings and The TUFF Project for their efforts to raise awareness about asthma.

WHEREAS, Marvin and Dianne Stallings lost their eighteen-year-old son, Marvin J. "Fat" Stallings Jr., to respiratory failure in 2013, and his sudden, tragic death prompted Dianne Stallings to search for ways to prevent other families from suffering the same kind of loss; and

WHEREAS, Marvin J. "Fat" Stallings Jr. was a graduate of Brusly High School and was continuing his education at ITT Technical College; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stallings' efforts to raise community awareness on the devastating effects of asthma led to the establishment of The TUFF Project, a group designed to empower the community and provide information about asthma; and

WHEREAS, the third annual Walk for "Fat" Health Walk and Balloon Release was held on May 7, 2016, and included healthcare professionals who shared their knowledge about the signs and symptoms, treatment options, and proper medications for asthma; the primary goal of this annual event being to raise asthma awareness while simultaneously raising funds to support asthma research; and

WHEREAS, through donations and community support, The TUFF Project has partnered with the Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital to help support asthma awareness; and

WHEREAS, a percentage of the monies raised/collected is used toward the Marvin J. Stallings Jr. Academic Scholarship which has awarded six (3 each year) well-deserving graduating Brusly High School Seniors to assist with the purchase of books or other collegiate necessities since 2015 and The TUFF Project has also donated a portion of the proceeds to the National Asthma Awareness Foundation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dianne B. Stallings and The TUFF Project for their efforts to raise awareness about asthma.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms. Dianne B. Stallings.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE