

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Zachary Evans Cryer on being named Louisiana's Elementary Student of the Year for 2016-2017.

WHEREAS, Zachary Cryer, a fifth grader at Kingston Elementary School in Benton, Louisiana has been named by the Louisiana Department of Education as Elementary School Student of the Year; and

WHEREAS, on his way to the state honor, Zachary Cryer was Bossier Parish Elementary School Student of the Year and was named by the Department of Education as regional finalist for Elementary Student of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Cryer balances academics with leadership roles, sports, and many community endeavors, including work in the summer and involvement in activities at the HUB ministry in downtown Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the HUB ministry, in which Zachary is particularly involved, provides both necessities and services focusing on the homeless population, including a drive that Zachary organized to provide cold weather clothing for those who utilize the services of and do volunteer work at the HUB; and

WHEREAS, at school, Cryer serves as president of the Student Council and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is branch manager for the school's bank, and is a member of the 4-H Club, the Robotics Club, and the National Elementary Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, in the community, Cryer volunteers with the Kingston Safety Squad, the parish's AIM program, the Cypress Baptist Church Kids Staff and the HUB ministry; and

WHEREAS, among his projects, Zachary has organized an archery tournament to benefit an ill student at a neighboring school and he has taken part in the planting of seeds for a beautification project; and

WHEREAS, a gifted athlete, Zachary Cryer plays basketball, baseball, and soccer, runs cross country, and competes in archery; and

WHEREAS, Cryer is also a musician who plays the piano and has competed in Kingston's talent show; and

WHEREAS, this is not the first recognition of the efforts of Zachary Cryer, he has been recognized for his leadership and involvement, including receiving the 2016 Kiwanis Club "Terrific Kid" award; and

WHEREAS, Zachary has previously won four writing and poetry competitions, a spelling bee, taken home awards for reading, book projects, and shooting sports, participated in a regional science fair, and has earned straight A's for five consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Zachary is the son of Jeff and Emily Cryer and the brother of Landry; and

WHEREAS, despite his youth, Zachary Cryer has assisted his fellow students, worked diligently academically, athletically, and as a contributing member of his community, an impressive list of accomplishments for any adult, let alone a fifth grade student; a young man comfortable in the role of both giver and leader.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Zachary Evans Cryer on being named Louisiana's Elementary Student of the Year for 2016-2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Zachary Evans Cryer.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE