

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 138

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the students and faculty of the St. Tammany Parish School System for their placement of first-overall in the Louisiana Governor's Games' 26th Annual Elementary State Championship Fitness Meet.

WHEREAS, for thirty years the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports has hosted the Elementary State Championship Fitness Meet, the only statewide fitness competition for elementary schools that includes thousands of kids across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health describes the Louisiana Governor's Games as "an opportunity for competition and fitness of all ages, skill levels, and economic demographics that are held in cities across the state"; and

WHEREAS, the Elementary State Championship Fitness Meet involves seven fitness-related events including the 50-yard dash, the shuttle run, pull-ups, the standing long-jump, curl-ups or sit-ups, the 600-yard run, and the V-sit and reach; and

WHEREAS, since 1997, the Elementary State Championship Fitness Meet has served as the Olympic Games for elementary school-aged children in thirty parishes across the state, with more than two hundred thousand competing for the state fitness crown; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish School System placed first-overall in the 26th annual Elementary State Championship Fitness Meet; and

WHEREAS, the top-two boys and girls from each parish travel to Baton Rouge annually to compete for the fitness title; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany's top performer, Jenna Viger, led the way with 635 individual points and her teammates, Diego Gonzales-Torres, Cayden Wise, and Natalie Rabon led them to overall victory; and

WHEREAS, to place first, St. Tammany Parish finished with 2,357 points to overtake second place defending champs, Lafayette Parish with 2,352 points.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate the team, coaches, and parents of members of the St. Tammany Parish School

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System's Elementary State Championship Fitness Meet team and recognize them for their achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the St. Tammany Parish School Board.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE