2025 Regular Session **ENROLLED**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 149

BY SENATOR OWEN

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Chalmette High School 2025 Management Team on winning the National ProStart Invitational held in Baltimore, Maryland.

WHEREAS, the National ProStart Invitational is the nation's premier competition for secondary school students interested in restaurant management and the culinary arts; and

WHEREAS, each year, the National ProStart Invitational brings together the top student teams from across the United States; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2025, the Chalmette High School 2025 Management Team captured first place at the National ProStart Invitational in Baltimore, Maryland, triumphing over forty-seven teams from across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the championship team, composed of students Asma Askar, Denim Bell, Kamryn Simon, Norman Burrey-Morales, and team manager Lily Vu, demonstrated exceptional talent, creativity, and professionalism in restaurant concept development, business planning, and critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, the team presented "La Strada", an original Creole-Italian fusion restaurant concept that combined Louisiana heritage with innovative culinary vision; and

WHEREAS, the team successfully impressed a panel of industry judges through detailed proposals, facility layouts, menu development, and on-the-spot problem-solving; and

WHEREAS, their victory earned the team members a share of over $200,000 in scholarships and opened doors to future opportunities in hospitality and business; and

WHEREAS, this triumph marks the fourth consecutive year that Chalmette High School teacher Elena Hodges has led a team to win the Louisiana ProStart Invitational and qualify for nationals, a remarkable achievement reflecting her leadership, dedication, and educational excellence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Chalmette High School 2025 Management Team on winning the National ProStart Invitational held in Baltimore, Maryland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Chalmette High School principal, Wayne Warner.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE