

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 189

BY SENATOR OWEN

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates the Lake Castle Slidell Private School SeaPerch team for third place achievement at the 2025 International SeaPerch Competition.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the Lake Castle Slidell Private School SeaPerch team for
3 earning third place in the obstacle course event at the 2025 International SeaPerch
4 Challenge, and to recognize their exemplary performance, innovation, and
5 commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)
6 education.

7 WHEREAS, the SeaPerch program is an innovative, hands-on underwater robotics
8 initiative that empowers students and educators to design, build, and compete with remotely
9 operated vehicles (ROVs), fostering critical thinking, engineering skills, and teamwork in
10 the context of real-world challenges; and

11 WHEREAS, the Lake Castle Slidell Private School SeaPerch team, known as the
12 "Reef Renegades", secured third place in the obstacle course event at the 2025 International
13 SeaPerch Challenge, an elite, invitation-only global competition that featured top-performing
14 teams from around the world, including countries such as China, Kuwait, and New Zealand;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the Reef Renegades team consists of six outstanding first-time
17 competitors: Caleb Clancy, Stella Clavier, Danielle Lee, Sam Singh, Senuli Thantiridge, and
18 Brock Trainor, whose innovation, perseverance, and collaborative spirit led to this

1 significant international recognition; and

2 WHEREAS, the team was skillfully guided and mentored by dedicated coaches Jeff
3 Oteri, Brian Butera, Cindy Butera, and Gwyn Ellermann, whose leadership and expertise
4 helped shape the students' success and enriched their learning experience; and

5 WHEREAS, Lake Castle Slidell Private School has proudly supported SeaPerch
6 participation since 2012, and the achievements of this year's team highlight the school's
7 longstanding commitment to advancing STEM education and experiential learning; and

8 WHEREAS, the Reef Renegades' performance in both the technical and practical
9 components of the competition demonstrates the impact of student-driven innovation and
10 the importance of investing in educational programs that prepare young minds for future
11 challenges in science and engineering; and

12 WHEREAS, their international achievement brings pride to the state of Louisiana
13 and serves as an inspiration to students throughout the state to engage in STEM disciplines
14 and pursue excellence in education and innovation.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
16 does hereby commend and congratulate the Lake Castle Slidell Private School SeaPerch
17 team on their exceptional performance at the 2025 International SeaPerch Challenge and
18 does hereby extend best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
20 Principal Brian J. Butera.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
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or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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