

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 189

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE