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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 227

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

A RESOLUTION

To commend Young Marine Sergeant Major Valerie Huete on being named Division 4 Young Marine of the Year and to recognize her exemplary leadership, academic achievement, and service.

WHEREAS, the Young Marines is a national youth leadership and service program dedicated to developing disciplined, drug-free, and responsible citizens through leadership training, community service, and education; and

WHEREAS, the organization serves approximately seven thousand youth members across the United States and is divided into six geographic divisions; the divisions each select a Division Young Marine of the Year based on leadership, academic performance, physical fitness, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Young Marine Sergeant Major Valerie Huete is a resident of River Ridge, Louisiana, and member of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Young Marines unit; she has been selected as the Division 4 Young Marine of the Year, which is one of the highest distinctions within the program; and

WHEREAS, this honor places her among the top six Young Marines out of approximately seven thousand participants in the United States and reflects her exceptional character, leadership, and commitment to service; she competed against top Young Marines from across multiple states within Division 4, including Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Huete is a student at Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy in Jefferson Parish, which is a highly regarded academic institution known for its rigorous curriculum and emphasis on science, technology, and leadership development; her academic success, combined with her participation in extracurricular and athletic activities, demonstrates a well-rounded dedication to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Huete has demonstrated leadership, mentored fellow Young Marines, and served her community with distinction throughout her time in the Young Marines program; she exemplifies the core values of honor, courage, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Huete has received steadfast support and guidance from her parents, Darren and Vanessa Huete, who have been instrumental in her success; she has also benefitted from the mentorship, training, and commitment of the dedicated adult volunteers and leaders of the Young Marines program, including the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Young Marines unit and Unit Commander Tammy Williams; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Huete's achievements bring great pride to her family, Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Young Marines unit, the citizens of Jefferson Parish, and the state of Louisiana; it is fitting to recognize her efforts as her fellow citizens look forward to her continued success and future contributions to her community and nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Young Marine Sergeant Major Valerie Huete on being named Division 4 Young Marine of the Year; does hereby recognize her as one of the top young leaders in the nation; and does hereby extend its sincere appreciation to her parents and family for their encouragement and support and to the adult leaders and volunteers of the Young Marines program for their dedication to developing future leaders.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES