

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Minden St. Jude Auction and recognizes Sanders Machine Works and its employees for their 2014 contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Minden St. Jude Auction and to recognize the owners and employees of
3 Sanders Machine Works for their generous contributions in 2014 to St. Jude
4 Children's Research Hospital.

5 WHEREAS, the Minden St. Jude Auction began in 1976 as a one-day radio-thon
6 conceived by the Pete Treat family in conjunction with KASO Radio, Digger O'Dell, and Bo
7 Cook; Mr. Treat's vision was to give back to the hospital that treated his daughter, Ann, who
8 had lost her battle to leukemia; and

9 WHEREAS, the first Minden St. Jude Auction raised \$10,000, an amount far beyond
10 expectations, and since then the auction has expanded to include a grand prize raffle and
11 items for bid that are donated by the generous residents of Minden and the surrounding
12 communities; and

13 WHEREAS, the Minden St. Jude Auction raised \$1,248,296 in 2014, giving Minden
14 the proud distinction of being the largest per capita giver to St. Jude Children's Research
15 Hospital; in all, the Minden St. Jude Auction has raised more than \$12.5 million in the thirty-
16 eight years since its inception and has grown from a one-day event to four days of televised
17 and radio broadcast fundraising; the auction features hundreds of volunteers, a statewide
18 chili cook-off, a 5K/10K race, and a children's fun day following the race; and

19 WHEREAS, over the last several years, schools in Webster Parish have raised more
20 than \$150,000 toward the Minden St. Jude Auction; the auction is a tradition that is now in

1 its third generation of volunteers, and this year the volunteers from Sanders Machine Works
2 deserve special recognition for their generous contributions; and

3 WHEREAS, at the end of the 2014 5K run, owners Ricky and Diane Sanders and
4 their employees presented a \$10,000 donation to the Minden St. Jude Auction organizers and
5 challenged the winner of the evening's grand prize raffle drawing to donate the winnings to
6 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

7 WHEREAS, as fate would have it, Sanders Machine Works was the grand prize
8 winner and proudly made good on their own challenge, donating an additional \$50,000 to
9 the Minden St. Jude Auction to bring the Sanders Machine Works 2014 donation total to
10 \$60,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

11 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Minden, "the small town with a big heart",
12 the Webster Parish community, and the owners and employees of Sanders Machine Works
13 for their efforts toward funding research so that one day, no parent will have to grieve the
14 loss of a child to the plague of childhood cancer.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the organizers and volunteers of the Minden
17 St. Jude Auction for yet another wonderfully successful auction; does hereby offer a special
18 commendation to the owners and employees of Sanders Machine Works for extraordinary
19 donations toward this worthy cause; does hereby congratulate the Minden St. Jude Auction
20 upon exceeding in 2014 all previous auction fundraising totals; and does hereby express
21 sincere gratitude to Minden auction participants for their financial contributions to St. Jude
22 Children's Research Hospital that will help the hospital continue its mission to eradicate
23 childhood cancers.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted
25 to Ms. Melissa Brown and Ms. Christie Ruple, Minden St. Jude Auction co-chairmen, and
26 to Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Sanders.

DIGEST

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