

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY SENATORS GALLOT AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Ben Serio, a senior at Ruston High School, on being selected as a National Merit Scholarship recipient.

WHEREAS, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation annually awards to distinguished high school seniors corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarship awards financed by about two hundred corporations, company foundations and other business organizations; and

WHEREAS, scholars are selected from students who advance to the finalist level in the National Merit Scholarship competition and meet criteria of their scholarship sponsors; and

WHEREAS, Ben Serio, a senior at Ruston High School, has been selected as one of one thousand National Merit Scholarship recipients throughout the country as he was chosen out of sixteen thousand candidates to compete in the final rounds based on his abilities, skills and accomplishments which included his academic record, information about his school's curricula and grading system, two sets of test scores, a written recommendation from the high school officials, information about his leadership, and his own written essay; and

WHEREAS, Ben Serio earned a 4.0 GPA as well as a 34 on his ACT, serves as drum major, uniform staff manager, and principal horn for the Ruston High School Bearcat band, and has held both the state and local office of parliamentarian in the Future Business Leaders of America; and

WHEREAS, he is a volunteer with Rolling Hills Thrift Store, helps present the Hot Halloween Happenings at the Ruston Fire Department, and is involved in the Vigil Choir and Catholic Youth Organization at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Ben Serio has placed first in Chemistry, Algebra II and World Geography in the District Literary Rally and finished fifth in the National FBLA Parliamentary Procedure competition; and

WHEREAS, following graduation, he plans to attend college and double major in

music education and engineering; and

WHEREAS, Ben Serio merits a special measure of commendation for his outstanding achievements as a student and citizen.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Ben Serio, senior at Ruston High School, on being named a National Merit Scholarship recipient, does hereby commend him for his outstanding accomplishments, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for full measures of success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ben Serio.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES