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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 205

BY REPRESENTATIVES THOMPSON, HENRY BURNS, CARMODY, AND REYNOLDS AND SENATORS ADLEY AND PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Parkway High School's JROTC cyber team upon placing in the top one percent in the CyberPatriot VI National Finals

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend and congratulate the JROTC cyber team of Parkway High School in Bossier
3	City upon placing in the top one percent in the CyberPatriot VI National Finals.
4	WHEREAS, the Air Force Association CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber
5	Education Program was created by the Air Force Association to inspire high school students
6	to seek careers in cyber security or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
7	(STEM) disciplines critical to the nation's future; and
8	WHEREAS, CyberPatriot began in 2009 as a proof of concept demonstration at the
9	Air Force Association's Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando, Florida, where nine high school
10	civil air patrol squadrons competed; and
11	WHEREAS, the program has grown exponentially since 2009, with over one
12	thousand five hundred teams from all fifty states, Canada, and Department of Defense
13	Dependant schools overseas that registered for CyberPatriot VI; and
14	WHEREAS, CyberPatriot VI was open to all high schools, middle schools, and
15	accredited home school programs around the nation; and
16	WHEREAS, the competition is made up of three different divisions including the
17	open high school division, the all-service division, and the middle school division; and
18	WHEREAS, the early rounds of the competition are done online during weekends
19	via the Internet from teams' schools or other sponsoring organizations' facilities; and

1	WHEREAS, prior to the round, teams download virtual image representations of
2	operating systems with known flaws, or cybersecurity vulnerabilities and the team's
3	assignment is to find the flaws while keeping specified computer functions working; and
4	WHEREAS, team progress is recorded by a central CyberPatriot scoring system and
5	the scores from qualification rounds are totaled to determine the semifinalists; and
6	WHEREAS, the top scoring semifinal teams from each division are invited on an
7	all-expenses paid trip to the in-person national finals competition; and
8	WHEREAS, during national finals, teams compete against a live aggressor team in
9	a series of cyber challenges including a network security master challenge, a digital forensics
10	challenge, cyber crime scene challenges, and a cisco networking challenge; and
11	WHEREAS, competition in a CyberPatriot National Finals is a challenging
12	educational endeavor for both the coaches and the participants; and
13	WHEREAS, for a team to obtain an elite ranking in a competition of one thousand
14	five hundred teams composed of the brightest minds of their generation is a feat to be
15	admired; and
16	WHEREAS, a part of the all service division, Parkway High School's exceptional
17	JROTC cyber team placed in the top one percent in the CyberPatriot VI National Finals; and
18	WHEREAS, led by their coach, Master Sergeant Bob O'Brien, six members of
19	Parkway High School's JROTC cyber team were among the top contenders in the
20	CyberPatriot VI finals: Austin Carr, Chas Chapman, Josh Hardacre, John Metz, Brian
21	Thiessen, and Team Captain Jasper Sinagra, all of whom have a field of specialty.
22	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23	commend and congratulate Parkway High School's JROTC cyber team for their outstanding
24	achievement in the CyberPatriot VI National Finals and recognize their impressive and
25	distinguished mastery of valuable cyber security and STEM disciplines critical to the
26	nation's future.
27	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
28	to Parkway High School's JROTC.

## **DIGEST**

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