

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the graduating parent and student leaders of the 2016 Family Leadership Training Institute of New Orleans (FLTI NOLA) on their amazing accomplishment in becoming trained civic advocates in New Orleans.

WHEREAS, FLTI NOLA's is part of a nationwide initiative designed by the American Leadership Forum to improve the lifelong health, safety, and learning of children by helping to develop the leadership skills necessary to make real changes in schools, communities, local government, and the state; and

WHEREAS, FLTI NOLA, by training both the parent and the student, takes a two generational approach to build the leadership and voices needed to strengthen families, improve child outcomes, and energize advocacy for the betterment of services provided by education, health, and social service agencies; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2016 graduating class have worked hard to develop and enrich their leadership skills through practical advocacy instructions, media training, and participating in hands-on civic projects, and have emerged as capable advocates for themselves, the children, the local community, and the state; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2016, the twenty-week FLTI NOLA program will celebrate and graduate this year's parent and student leaders in the New Orleans City Hall Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, the graduating parent leaders are: Patrick Anderson, Benita Cochran, Gwendolyn Cook, Lamont Douglas, Anthonika Gidney, Merline Kimble, Regineka Tassin, Sheana Turner, Domonique Tyson, Kendra Andrus, Lashandra Caldwell, Kimberly Dejan, Duane Gidney, Janice Kimble, Marshall Rutledge, Jennifer Taylor, and Marceia Walker; and

WHEREAS, the graduating student leaders are: Mikaela Dejan, Elijah Evans, Malia Nickles, Myla Tassin, Jaiden Turner, Diamon Francois, Devin Francois, and Damon Francois; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize these accomplished graduates for exploring their passions, strengths, beliefs, and ideas while developing their interpersonal and public communication skills and gaining an enhanced understanding of government, media, and civic relations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the graduating parent and student leaders of the 2016 Family Leadership Training Institute of New Orleans on their amazing accomplishment of becoming trained civic advocates in New Orleans and anticipate interacting with these graduates in future civic engagements for the betterment of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Orleans Parish Education Network which sponsors FLTI NOLA.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE