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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Luka G. Mikaberidze of Caddo Parish on being selected as Louisiana's Elementary School Student of the Year.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Luka George Mikaberidze on winning the Louisiana's 2021 Elementary School Student of the Year Competition.

WHEREAS, annually the Louisiana Department of Education's Student of the Year Competition selects a finalist from a group of twenty-one students who represent each grade level: elementary, middle, and high school, and who represent one of the state's seven regions; and

WHEREAS, this year's elementary winner is Luka Mikaberidze, a fifth-grader at South Highlands Elementary Magnet School in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, as a first generation American who's family roots are in Soviet George, Luka is fluent in Georgian and English and is currently learning French and Mandarin Chinese to pursue his goal of being able to better communicate with others in the future; and

WHEREAS, Luka has earned a 4.0 GPA while garnering numerous academic achievement awards and being a leader on his soccer and karate demonstration teams; and

WHEREAS, Luka is also a certified Junior Park Ranger who aspires to be an astronaut in the future; and

WHEREAS, he has a long list of hobbies that includes knitting hats and gloves for the homeless; playing the Ukulele, violin, and piano; making competitive, historical board

games; and learning anything and everything about space and the solar system; and

WHEREAS, Luka has many aspirations and hopes to make a difference and help people when he grows up; and

WHEREAS, Luka did not hesitate to participate in the competition once the opportunity was extended to him; and

WHEREAS, the annual Louisiana's Student of the Year Competition has multiple steps: (1) each public and nonpublic school is asked to submit one candidate from their student body; (2) selected students then compete with their peers at the school system level; and (3) the winner advances to the regional competitions; and

WHEREAS, at step (4), the regional level students are selected based on criteria that measure academic success, career and technical achievements, leadership skills, character, and service to their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, at step (5), a regional selection committee then uses student-made portfolios of accomplishments, along with student writing samples and interviews, to assess the communications and critical thinking skills of each candidate before selecting the final candidates; and

WHEREAS, Luka Mikaberidze has certainly earned the honor of this award and the acknowledgment of this awesome accomplishment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Luka George Mikaberidze on being selected as the Louisiana's 2021 Elementary School Student of the Year and does hereby record for posterity his accomplishment, and does hereby extend best wishes for continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Luka George Mikaberidze.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

DIGEST

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