

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 180

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel for his strength, resilience, and lifelong dream of becoming a police officer and to recognize his family for their unwavering support and dedication.

WHEREAS, in 2018, at the young age of six years old, DJ Daniel was diagnosed with brain and spinal cancer and given five months to live; and

WHEREAS, despite overwhelming odds, seven years and more than thirteen brain surgeries later, DJ continues to fight cancer courageously, embodying the spirit of childhood resilience and living life to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, after witnessing law enforcement officers spring into action following the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, DJ decided that he wanted to be a police officer; and

WHEREAS, DJ has been sworn in as an honorary police officer by more than one thousand three hundred law enforcement agencies across the country, each time bringing awareness to the complexities of childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, DJ's greatest law enforcement honor came during a March 2025 joint address to Congress, when President Donald J. Trump swore him in as an honorary U.S. Secret Service agent; and

WHEREAS, DJ, his father, Theodis Daniel, and his extended family have inspired countless people with their strength, hope, and bond, representing the very best qualities found in those who serve each other with kindness and protect our communities; and

WHEREAS, DJ is a remarkable young man and role model to all who hear his story; and

WHEREAS, his father has worked tirelessly to help make DJ's dream of becoming a police officer a reality, setting a powerful example of dedication, advocacy, and parental love.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel for his brave fight and hereby honors DJ and his family for their strength, perseverance, and the inspiration they continue to provide across our state and this great nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to DJ Daniel and his family.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE