

By: Senator S. Flowers

SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, school bullying is a serious problem that can affect students in many ways, from loss of sleep, to feeling sick, to thoughts of suicide; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred sixty thousand (160,000) children in the United States miss school every day due to fear of attack or intimidation by other students; and

WHEREAS, it is important for employees, parents, students, teachers, administrators, and citizens of the State of Arkansas to be aware of bullying, and to encourage prevention; and

WHEREAS, Legacy Paris is a young woman who has not only overcome bullying, but has turned years of being bullied into an opportunity to help



others; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2012, as a 13-year-old eighth grader in Pine Bluff, Legacy Paris presented information to the Pine Bluff City Council regarding "International Stand Up to Bullying Day"; and

WHEREAS, due to the efforts of Ms. Paris, March 30, 2012, was declared International Stand Up to Bullying Day in Pine Bluff; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Paris has willingly given of her time to help children who are the victims of bullying in school by sharing the things she has learned and her message of hope to young people experiencing bullying at elementary schools and the Merrill Community Center in Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Paris teaches students to learn to address bullying situations without causing a scene and to remain calm and assertive, and she encourages educators and parents to listen not just to a student being bullied, but also to a student who is bullying others; and

WHEREAS, the effects of bullying have been brought to the forefront in Arkansas by newspaper articles and television segments concerning the efforts of Ms. Paris,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate proudly commends and congratulates Legacy Paris for her contributions to helping students who are victims of bullying and for bringing awareness to the problem of bullying to the citizens of Pine Bluff and the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon its adoption a copy of this resolution be presented to Legacy Paris.