

2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATORS COLOMB, BARROW, HEWITT, MIZELL AND PETERSON AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, CARPENTER, DAVIS, EMERSON, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HORTON, JACKSON, NANCY LANDRY, MARCELLE, MORENO, NORTON, SMITH, STOKES AND WHITE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Rachel Christina Oatis upon being selected for a 2016 Women of Excellence Award and a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Rachel Christina Oatis upon her receipt of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of College Women of Excellence and upon being a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

WHEREAS, Rachel Christina Oatis, a native of Lutcher, Louisiana, is currently a sophomore political science major completing her undergraduate studies at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Reverend Dr. Charles and Rolinda Oatis, she attended Lutcher High School, graduating with honors while serving as the youngest person in her community to pass an ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Oatis is the founder of the St. James Parish Youth Commission in which young people learn the inner workings of local government; and

WHEREAS, over the course of one year, she has served as a student volunteer for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, lead chapel assistant for Sisters Chapel, a voter registration aide on Saturdays, and served as an intern for Congressman John Lewis, Georgia's 5th Congressional District Representative; and

WHEREAS, on campus she is very active in Spelman's Student Ambassador

1 Organization and serves as a public speaker for some of the college's esteemed events; and

2 WHEREAS, Rachel traveled to Tobago, Trinidad for a cultural enrichment
3 engagement to learn behavior and leadership styles of Caribbean women serving in
4 government and academics; participated in the Southern University Law Center's Civil
5 Rights Restorative Justice Project, through which she conducted research on policy
6 initiatives on anti-civil rights violence in the United States from the 1930s to 1950s; and

7 WHEREAS, Rachel is also a participant in Spelman's Independent Scholars
8 Interdisciplinary Study Program, where she is documenting oral histories through
9 interviewing elderly African-American women; and

10 WHEREAS, through these and other service learning opportunities, she finds that
11 she has grown in the areas of teamwork, problem solving and action planning, and working
12 hands-on in the community has fostered her empathy and self-efficacy and has allowed her
13 to take an active role in helping to shape her community and campus life; and

14 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation created the
15 Women of Excellence Awards to recognize and honor extraordinary women across the state
16 for their outstanding achievements and contributions; and

17 WHEREAS, recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards exhibit characteristics
18 of integrity and professionalism, personify excellence in their area of specialty, and are
19 committed to community service to better society as a whole; and

20 WHEREAS, for 2016, there are four categories for the Women of Excellence
21 Awards: College Women of Excellence, High School Women of Excellence, Louisiana Hero
22 of Excellence, and Nonprofit of Excellence; and

23 WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2016 Women of Excellence Awards are being
24 recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of
25 Excellence Awards & Scholarships Ceremony and Reception on Tuesday, May 24, 2016;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Rachel Christina Oatis has been named a recipient of a 2016 Women
28 of Excellence Award in the category of College Women of Excellence and is also a recipient
29 of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship for her
30 accomplishments and personification of excellence in integrity, character, academics,

1 leadership, and community service; and

2 WHEREAS, Rachel Christina Oatis merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of
3 commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and
4 it is appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Rachel Christina Oatis upon
5 her receipt of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's
6 Caucus Foundation and a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 commend Rachel Christina Oatis upon her receipt of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award
9 from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of College
10 Women of Excellence and upon her receipt of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus
11 Foundation Scholarship; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular
12 contributions to the citizens of Louisiana; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for
13 the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her community and the state of Louisiana.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
15 Rachel Christina Oatis.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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