

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

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, THOMAS AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Kristen Blair Weimer on being selected to receive a High School Women of Excellence Award and a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

WHEREAS, Kristen Blair Weimer is the daughter of Katherine and Philip Weimer Jr. and attends Edward Douglas White Catholic High School in Raceland, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, love for leadership and service to others began at a very young age and 4-H has always played an important role in her life; and

WHEREAS, Kristen served as secretary, vice president, and president of her elementary and high school 4-H clubs, and served as a member of the Louisiana State 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology State Board, currently serves as its vice president, and also serves as the 4-H Executive Board President for Lafourche Parish; and

WHEREAS, she is an active participant and competitor in her state 4-H shooting sports team and earned a spot on the state and national Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) shooting team; and

WHEREAS, Kristen is skilled in archery and shooting sports disciplines, has been named the YHEC State Orienteering Winner along with the YHEC State Hunters Safety Test Overall Winner, and also received various awards in archery; and

WHEREAS, raised on a sugarcane farm, she is aware of the importance of the sugar industry and was named the Louisiana 4-H State Sugar Ambassador, serving as an advocate and educating youth about the industry and its importance to our state economy; and

WHEREAS, Kristen also serves as vice president of the Lafourche Parish Junior

Leader Club where she led several service projects, including working with the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) organization, Operation Christmas Child, local animal shelters, and is currently working on a project called "Caring for our Coast"; and

WHEREAS, Kristen was awarded the Prudential Spirit Award for her leadership and service to her community, currently serves as her high school choir president, is a member of the track team, Ecology Club, Campus Ministry, Music Ministry, Science Olympiad Team, and National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, despite her involvement in school and community organizations, she has maintained a 3.89 GPA throughout her high school career, is the recipient of the Saint Michael's Book Award for Leadership and Service, and received the Key Club award for outstanding leadership in her community; and

WHEREAS, Kristen plans to pursue a career in veterinary medicine where she will continue to remain active in agriculture and serve her community and the animals they love; and

WHEREAS, she will attend Nicholls State University in the fall where she will study biology with a concentration in pre-veterinary medicine; and

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

WHEREAS, for 2017, there are four categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: College Women of Excellence, High School Women of Excellence, Louisiana Hero of Excellence, and Nonprofit of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2017 Women of Excellence Awards are being recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of Excellence Awards & Scholarships Ceremony and Reception on Tuesday, May 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Kristen has been named a recipient of a 2017 Women of Excellence Award in the category of High School Women of Excellence and is also a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship for her accomplishments and personification of excellence in integrity, character, academics, leadership, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Kristen merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and it is appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Kristen upon receipt of a 2017 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation and of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kristen Blair Weimer upon receipt of a 2017 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High School Women of Excellence and the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kristen Blair Weimer.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES