

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY SENATOR SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Miss Madison Elizabeth Smith upon her reign as Queen of the 2022 Mystick Krewe of Louisianians Washington Mardi Gras Ball.

WHEREAS, the Mystick Krewe of Louisianians Washington Mardi Gras Ball has its origins among displaced Louisianians, known as the Louisiana State Society, living in our nation's capital who wanted to bring the celebration to their new home in the late 1930s; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Mystick Krewe of Louisianians has welcomed President Richard Nixon, Vice President Gerald Ford, Vice President Al Gore, and numerous cabinet secretaries and ambassadors to its celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Society president C.J. Bourg and Lt. Col. Leonce Legendre of New Orleans were the inspiration for the first Mardi Gras ball held in 1944, for these exiled Louisianians living in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the first Washington Mardi Gras Ball queen was Mollie Gaumer, a member of United States Senator John Overton's staff; and

WHEREAS, since 1944, the Mystick Krewe of Louisianians has selected a queen to reign over the krewe's festivities; and

WHEREAS, Miss Madison Elizabeth Smith was selected as queen by the krewe to reign over the festivities in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Madison is the daughter of Glen and Marilyn Smith of LaPlace, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, she is a 2018 graduate of Mt. Carmel Academy in new Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Madison is currently a senior at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge where she is majoring in political science with a concentration in American constitutional law; and

WHEREAS, while at Mt. Carmel, Madison was active in assisting with youth summer camps held at the school for younger girls; and

WHEREAS, she has also been very active in multiple philanthropies, most notably, The G. Smith Prom of Champions, providing a prom experience for terminally ill children; and

WHEREAS, Madison also volunteered her time for the Children's Christmas Celebration, which provides Christmas gifts to over three hundred children in the River Parish region annually; and

WHEREAS, Madison has worked as a Senate aide in the Louisiana Legislature for the last two sessions; and

WHEREAS, Miss Madison Elizabeth Smith merits sincere congratulations for being selected to reign as Queen of the 2022 Mystick Krewe of Louisianians Washington Mardi Gras Ball.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Miss Madison Elizabeth Smith upon her reign as Queen of the 2022 Mystick Krewe of Louisianians Washington Mardi Gras Ball.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Miss Madison Elizabeth Smith.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE