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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Louisiana State University student Rachael Coates on being named a Goldwater Scholar

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Louisiana State University student Rachael Coates on being named a
3	Goldwater Scholar.
4	WHEREAS, the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education
5	Foundation is a federally endowed organization providing scholarships to high-performing
6	college students who demonstrate exceptional promise as being future leaders in science,
7	mathematics, or engineering research fields; and
8	WHEREAS, the Goldwater Foundation partners with the United States Department
9	of Defense's National Defense Education Program to provide financial support to students
10	whose career trajectory will make them leaders in the American scientific community; and
11	WHEREAS, Rachael Coates is a resident of Pride, Louisiana, and a Roger H. Ogden
12	Honors College student at Louisiana State University who is studying biological sciences;
13	and
14	WHEREAS, Ms. Coates was previously awarded a prestigious scholarship by the
15	Astronaut Scholarship Foundation; this foundation was created and is perpetuated by
16	members of NASA's Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, and Space Shuttle programs that is
17	aimed at assisting the United States in retaining global technological leadership; and
18	WHEREAS, Ms. Coates is currently working in a research laboratory studying the
19	effects of MAPK15 over-expression in triple negative breast cancer, a tumor that
20	disproportionately affects African-American women; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Coates is also involved in LSU's Maximizing Access to Research 2 Careers Program; this program provides high-impact research experience to a diverse pool 3 of undergraduates and prepares them for entry into graduate programs in biomedical 4 sciences; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to her current studies, Ms. Coates intends to pursue a 6 doctoral degree in biological engineering, studying the physical and biological mechanism 7 of cancer metastasis; throughout her academic career, she has shown a degree of 8 demonstrable talent that warrants the nation's attention, and she will one day stand among 9 the leaders in the scientific community; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Coates is most deserving of the highest recognition for being 11 named a recipient of the Barry Goldwater Foundation's scholarship for the 2022-2023 12 academic year, which places her among the preeminent young scholars in the United States. 13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 14 commend Louisiana State University student Rachael Coates on being named a Goldwater 15 Scholar and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue her truly inspiring work 16 as one of the world's future leaders in the scientific community.

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