

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University student Rachael Coates on being named a Goldwater Scholar.

WHEREAS, the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation is a federally endowed organization providing scholarships to high-performing college students who demonstrate exceptional promise as being future leaders in science, mathematics, or engineering research fields; and

WHEREAS, the Goldwater Foundation partners with the United States Department of Defense's National Defense Education Program to provide financial support to students whose career trajectory will make them leaders in the American scientific community; and

WHEREAS, Rachael Coates is a resident of Pride, Louisiana, and a Roger H. Ogden Honors College student at Louisiana State University who is studying biological sciences; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Coates was previously awarded a prestigious scholarship by the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation; this foundation was created and is perpetuated by members of NASA's Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, and Space Shuttle programs that is aimed at assisting the United States in retaining global technological leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Coates is currently working in a research laboratory studying the effects of MAPK15 over-expression in triple negative breast cancer, a tumor that disproportionately affects African-American women; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Coates is most deserving of the highest recognition for being named a recipient of the Barry Goldwater Foundation's scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year, which places her among the preeminent young scholars in the United States.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louisiana State University student Rachael Coates on being named a Goldwater Scholar and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue her truly inspiring work as one of the world's future leaders in the scientific community.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE