

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 304

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Austin Small-Jones of Shreveport's Woodlawn High School on being named National Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Career Association president-elect.

WHEREAS, Austin Small-Jones is a 2024 senior at Woodlawn High School; last year, he became Woodlawn's first JAG national competitor at the National Career Association; and

WHEREAS, Austin is a second-year JAG student who serves as the Woodlawn JAG president and was elected to serve as JAG-Louisiana state president for the 2023-2024 term; he was elected in April 2024 as the National Jobs for America's Graduates Career Association president-elect at the National Career Development Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, for the 2024-2025 term; Mr. Small-Jones will serve as the National Jobs for America's Graduates Career Association president for the 2025-2026 term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Small-Jones is the first student from Woodlawn High School, Caddo Parish, and the state of Louisiana to hold this national title; he is the first male, and the first black male, elected to this office; he will serve as second-in-command over nearly eighty thousand students in forty affiliates across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Austin has received a full scholarship to attend Grambling State University through the MISTER (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role models) program; the MISTER program is designed to recruit African American male educators; and

WHEREAS, Austin Small-Jones is a truly inspiring young man who is worthy of the highest recognition for his incredible achievements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Austin Small-Jones of Shreveport's Woodlawn High School on being named National Jobs for America's Graduates Career Association president-elect for the 2024-2025 term and president for the 2025-2026 term and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue his truly inspiring work and always strive for greatness.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES